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**FAMILIES of ORGAN and TISSUE DONORS HONOR and REMEMBER  
 LOVED ONES at CALIFORNIA TRANSPLANT DONOR NETWORK  
 DONOR FAMILY CEREMONY**  
*Six donor families to meet recipients for first time*

**Sat., April 24, Chabot College, Performing Arts Theater, 12:00 pm**

**What:** **Hundreds of central and northern California families of organ and tissue donors, transplant recipients, and healthcare professionals join in an emotional afternoon** to celebrate the lives of those who made the decision to give the gift of organ and/or tissue donation. For many, this will be the first time they will acknowledge their loved one's gifts in a public setting. The program includes live musical performances, a video tribute to the donors and their families, and inspiring testimonials from donors and recipients. **For six central and northern California families this will be the first time that they will meet the recipients of their loved one's donations.**

Donor Family/ Recipient Meetings	
Donor	Meeting
Jesse Corral (22 years-old)	The parents along with family and friends ( <b>San Pablo</b> ) will meet Jesse's liver ( <b>Elk Grove</b> ) and kidney/pancreas ( <b>Castro Valley</b> ) recipients for the first time. Jesse's father, <b>Anthony Corral</b> received his son's lungs.
Richard Corral (30 years-old)	Antonia Coronado ( <b>Bakersfield</b> ) will meet her son's kidney recipient ( <b>Peninsula</b> ) for the first time.
Lillian Ewen (67 years-old)	The daughter and family of Lillian will meet her liver recipient ( <b>Clovis</b> ).
Lauren Lucia (11 years-old)	The two and ½ year-old kidney recipient ( <b>Live Oak</b> ) will meet the mother and extended family of Lauren ( <b>Antioch</b> ). The parents ( <b>San Jose</b> ) of Lauren's second kidney recipient will also meet her family.
Robert Ogden (61 years-old)	The family ( <b>Modesto</b> ) of Robert will meet both kidney recipients ( <b>Salinas</b> and <b>San Jose</b> ) and liver ( <b>Danville</b> ) recipient.
Maria Villagomez (25 years-old)	The husband and infant daughter ( <b>Mexico</b> ) along with family ( <b>San Jose</b> ) will be meeting the kidney ( <b>San Jose</b> ) and liver ( <b>Lodi</b> ) recipients.

**Who:**

- **Cynthia Siljestrom**, Chief Executive Officer, California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN)
- **Eugene Osborne**, Vice President of Administration, CTDN
- **Gwenn Silva**, Donor Family Aftercare Supervisor, CTDN
- **Elise Francois-Berkley**, 45, who received a kidney/pancreas transplant in 1996 from Kristen Norris

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- **Anne Wyak Norris**, donor mother whose daughter Kristen Norris became an organ donor in 1996
- **Anabel Mariko Stenzel and Isabel Yuriko Stenzel Byrnes**, twin sisters, who both received double lung transplants due to Cystic Fibrosis in 2000 and 2004 respectively
- **Marcie Becker Waldron**, 56, who received a kidney/pancreas transplant in 1997
- **Stewart Tartan Pipes and Drums of San Francisco**

**When:** Sat., April 24 – 12:00pm- 4:00pm. Best visuals are during family meetings and reception.

**Where:** Donor Family Meetings: In front of - The Performing Arts Theater –  
**Chabot College - 12:00pm – 1:00pm**  
25555 Hesperian Blvd., Building 1300  
Hayward, California 94545

**Ceremony: The Performing Arts Theater - Chabot College - 1:00pm – 4:00pm**  
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**Details:** *The California Transplant Donor Network saves and improves lives by facilitating organ and tissue donation for transplantation. The Transplant Network helps 175 hospitals in 41 Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada counties offer the option of organ and tissue donation to families whose loved ones have died, coordinates deceased organ recovery and placement, and provides public education with the hope that every resident will become a donor. It is federally designated as this region's organ recovery organization. For more information, visit [www.ctdn.org](http://www.ctdn.org) or call 1-888-570-9400.*

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