



## **San Francisco Giants Urge Fans to Say “Yes!” to Organ Donation**

*Double Lung Recipients Anabel and Isabel Stenzel to throw out  
first pitch during Donate Life Night*

**Wed., Aug. 11, AT&T Park, San Francisco, 6:45 - 7:15 pm**

**What:** The **San Francisco Giants**, in partnership with the **California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN)**, are hosting **Donate Life Night**, a donor awareness game meant to encourage Californians to check “YES!” when applying for or renewing their driver’s license or I.D. card, or by signing up at [www.donateLIFecalifornia.org](http://www.donateLIFecalifornia.org) or [www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org). Donor families, recipients and staff will be on hand to raise awareness during the Donate Life donor awareness game on **Wed., Aug.11. The opening pitch will be thrown by identical twin sisters and double lung recipients Anabel and Isabel Stenzel.** The Stenzel sisters competed last week at the 2010 U.S. Transplant Games in Wisconsin where they won 6 medals. They will be joined at the game by 18 of their teammates from the northern California team, Team NorCal, which received 41 medals at the games. Event activities will include a pre-game ceremony and between-inning contests as well as the opportunity for fans to join the California donor registry during the game.

***More than 100,000 individuals are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list. Of the 21,000 waiting in California, more than 10,000 are Bay Area residents.***

**Who:**

- **Anabel Stenzel Wallace and Isabel Stenzel Byrnes (Redwood City)**, 38, are identical twin sisters who were diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when they were three days old. Due to the Stenzel sisters’ battle with Cystic Fibrosis they would both receive double lung transplants. Isa received her transplant in 2004 and Ana received two double lung transplants in 2000 and 2007. Ana won three silver medals in swimming and Isa won two swimming medals and one in track at the Transplant Games. A feature length documentary, “The Power of Two”, is currently being filmed about their story.
- **Tiffany Van Alst (Los Gatos)**, 43, received a kidney transplant in 2004. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, she celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her transplant. She won three medals in track at the Transplant Games.
- **Sean O’Rourke (Los Gatos)**, 37, received a kidney from his wife in 2009. He bicycled to the transplant games in Madison WI in order to raise awareness about organ donation. He won a bronze in the 1500 meter in track at the Transplant Games.
- **Edgar Beteta Jr. (Daly City)**, 43, is a kidney recipient who competed at the games.
- **Sharon Sumner (Modesto)**, 59, is a heart recipient. She won two medals in bowling at the games.
- **Paul Gassen (Roseville)**, 54, is a heart recipient who competed at the games.
- **Tom Martin (Aptos)**, 42, is a double lung transplant recipient who competed at the games.
- **Kathy Clark (Alameda)**, 52, received a liver transplant in 2005. She is a community development volunteer coordinator with CTDN. She won a silver medal in bowling at the Transplant Games
- **Ayanna Anderson**, community development coordinator with CTDN
- **Cathy Olmo**, community development supervisor with CTDN and team manager of Team NorCal

**When:** Wed., Aug. 11, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** San Francisco Giants vs. Chicago Cubs  
AT&T Park, San Francisco

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**Details:** *The California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN) saves and improves lives by facilitating organ and tissue donation for transplantation. CTDN 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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