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Bay Area woman's selfless gift honored in Rose Parade

Kimberly Williams-Ibarra's portrait to be part of a float recognizing organ and tissue donors.



Wearing a button with a picture of her daughter, and the phrase, "You are loved" Rae Williams of Hayward, CA touched up a "floral portrait" of Kimberley soon to be seen by millions.

When Kimberley Williams-Ibarra died at age 44 in October, 2010, the Walnut Creek DMV manager donated tissues to save and enhance the lives of others.

Jan. 2, that "floralgraph" will be one of 72 on the Donate Life America float -- "Just Imagine ... One More Day" -- in the 123rd Annual Rose Parade on Jan. 2 at 8 a.m. Each portrait represents someone who provided organs or tissues.

Williams worked on the portrait at a ceremony at the Walnut Creek DMV office.

Rae Williams works on floral portrait of her daughter, Kimberley.,

Kimberley was "never too busy to stop and answer a question," said Shana Kraft, Senior Motor Vehicle Technician at the DMV office in Walnut Creek. She started to work at there about the same time Kimberley was appointed to be the office manager.

When Kimberley revealed at a DMV office meeting that she had registered as an organ and tissue donor, "I wasn't surprised...she was helpful, that was Kimberley's nature."

Her loss in 2010 was sudden. "It was, 'We will see you on Monday' and then coming in on Monday and finding out she had passed. In my mind, her being an organ and tissue donor was a way she could continue on. She is still out there. We were blessed to be able to know her."

On hand for the ceremony were **George Valverde**, Director of the DVM; **Charlene Zettel**, Chief Executive Officer of Donate Life California (DLC) ; and **Cindy Siljeström**, Chief Executive Officer for the [California Transplant Donor Network](#) (CTDN). Donate Life California is the organization which oversees the Donate Life California register on which nearly 9 million people have opted to register as organ and tissue donors. The California Transplant Donor Network is the organization in northern California and northern Nevada which connects organ and tissue donors with transplant centers.

Kimberley was chosen to represent [Donate Life California](#) and the DMV as a floragraph honoree on the Donate Life Rose Parade float.

In addition to the 72 floragraphs the [55-foot float](#) will have [28 riders](#) representing all donors, transplant recipients, and candidates on the waiting list or organs. **San Francisco Fire Department Captain Anthony Robinson**, a 2010 heart transplant recipient, will be on board as a representative from CTDN. . The float will also carry thousands of roses with personal dedications of love and remembrance in a unique Dedication Garden supported by people around the world.

An organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of 50 others. To register as a donor, go to www.donatelifecalifornia.org or www.donovidacalifornia.org or register at the DMV when obtaining or renewing a driver's license or state ID card.



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



Donate Life California administers the nonprofit, state-authorized organ and tissue donor registry with the support of California's four nonprofit, federally-designated organ recovery agencies: California Transplant Donor Network, Sierra Donor Services, Lifesharing and OneLegacy. Those wishing to make the commitment to donate may sign up when