



United Hospital Center Commemorates National Organ Donor Awareness Month

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A local hospital has brought the National Organ Donor Awareness Month celebration to the area.

United Hospital Center teamed up with the Center for Organ Recovery and Education, or CORE, Thursday afternoon for a luncheon honoring donors and medical professionals. Special guest speaker, Liliane Johnson, has lived with a heart transplant the last 15 years, and expressed her gratitude for everyone involved with the donor process.

"I'm a recipient, and every recipient out there is only a supporting cast member to the real star. And that is the donor," Johnson said.

According to CORE, more than 117,000 people nationwide need an organ transplant, including more than 800 in West Virginia.

United Hospital Center also received the West Virginia Governor's Award for Life at the luncheon.

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