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LOCAL ORGAN RECIPIENTS, DONOR FAMILIES TAKE PART IN TRANSPLANT GAMES OF AMERICA

Olympic-Style Games Highlight Second Chance at Life Transplants Offer, Honor Gifts of Organ Donors

PITTSBURGH, PA – Team Alleghenies Transplant today announced their participation in the 2022 Donate Life Transplant Games of America (TGA) taking place July 29 to August 3, 2022, in San Diego, California.

The team, made up of organ transplant recipients, caregivers, donor families and organ donation supporters from all over western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, is excited to attend the biennial, Olympic-style, multi-sport event. Twelve local athletes will be competing during the 2022 Transplant Games; 4 donor families will also accompany the athletes.

“While the events are very competitive such as swimming, bowling, basketball, and even poker, the transplant games are more about honoring the legacy of those who gave the ultimate gift of life,” said Colleen Sullivan, Director of Public Affairs at the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE). “They also serve to show the world that having a transplant is a second chance at a full, productive, and inspiring life.”

TGA is expected to draw more than 2,000 athletes and transplant supporters from across the United States and globally. It is the largest community gathering of its kind for individuals, families, and loved ones of those who have received or given a life-saving organ, cornea, bone marrow, or tissue donation. The event includes 20 athletic and recreational competitions for transplant patients and living donors, 60 events for all attendees, including donor families, to enjoy.

Team Alleghenies Transplant is funded and supported in large part by CORE, one of 57 federally designated not-for-profit organ procurement organizations (OPOs) in the United States, serving more than five million people in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Like all OPOs, CORE coordinates the recovery and matching of organs, tissues and corneas for transplant within their service region and works tirelessly to create a culture of donation within the hospitals and communities CORE serves.

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About CORE

CORE's mission is to Save and Heal lives through donation, while maintaining integrity for the donation process, dignity for the donors, and compassion for their families. CORE is a winner of the 2019 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, a presidential award that recognizes innovation and excellence For more information or to register as an organ, tissue and cornea donor, please visit core.org.

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