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## **TRILLIUM GIFT OF LIFE NETWORK HONOURS YORK CENTRAL HOSPITAL'S CLINICAL MEDICAL DIRECTOR, ICU**

*Campaign acknowledges the remarkable work health care professionals do  
to increase organ and tissue donation in Ontario*

Toronto – Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) is honouring health care professionals for their ongoing efforts to increase organ and tissue donation in Ontario. This month, Dr. Hy Dwosh, York Central Hospital's Clinical Medical Director, ICU, and Co-Chair of the Organ and Tissue Donation Committee, is being recognized for his tremendous work to increase organ and tissue donation.

Aside from being a devoted supporter for organ and tissue donation, Dr. Dwosh creates policies and changes processes to help facilitate growth of the organ and tissue program. Dr. Dwosh works closely with TGLN's on-site Organ and Tissue Donation Coordinator, Cathy Weatherall. Together, Dr. Dwosh and Mrs. Weatherall work to ensure their colleagues can offer families who are facing end-of-life decisions the opportunity to donate.

"I commend the work that Hy and Cathy do to increase organ and tissue donation within their hospital," said Frank Markel, President and CEO of TGLN. "Because of health care professionals like Hy, we are able to save and enhance the lives of thousands of men, women and children in Ontario through organ and tissue donation each year. Hy is an inspiration to all health care professionals."

To honour the work they carry out daily, TGLN is featuring health care professionals in the 2009 calendar that TGLN has distributed across the province. The faces of those being recognized will also be seen on posters that will be going up in health care facilities and that will change by the month.

The posters and calendar photos show each individual with a green hand, to mark them as supporters of the "Green Hand Campaign" launched in April 2008 to generate a growing network of Ontarians who support organ and tissue donation.

“It is an honour to be recognized by Trillium Gift of Life Network,” said Dr. Dwosh. “Until everyone knows and truly cares about organ and tissue donation, we have not done enough for the families we care for or the hundreds in desperate need awaiting their gift of life.”

Posters of Dr. Dwosh, showing his support by sporting a green hand, can be found throughout the York Central Hospital during the month of June.

“Dr. Dwosh is a leader and an incredible advocate for organ and tissue donation here at York Central and is committed to ensuring that every family in our community is given the opportunity to make an informed decision about organ and tissue donation,” said Mrs. Weatherall.

Today in Ontario there are more than 1,660 people waiting for an organ transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save up to eight lives and enhance as many as 75 others.

“The relationships we have with our hospitals and health care professionals are vital to our success. I look forward to continuing our work with the York Central,” said Markel.

You can register your donation decision by visiting your local Service Ontario Health Card Services – OHIP office or Outreach Site where you renew your health card or, you can go to the Trillium Gift of Life Network website [www.giftoflife.on.ca](http://www.giftoflife.on.ca) and download a Gift of Life Consent Form, fill it out and mail it in to the address on the form.

For more details on Trillium Gift of Life Network please visit our website at [www.giftoflife.on.ca](http://www.giftoflife.on.ca) or call 416-363-4001 or toll free 1-800-263-2833.

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