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## RVH RECOGNIZED BY TRILLIUM GIFT OF LIFE FOR ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has been recognized for its efforts to improve organ and tissue donation in Ontario and saving lives through transplantation.

Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) presented RVH with a Hospital Achievement Award for meeting or exceeding the network's target of a 67 per cent conversion rate. Conversion rate is the percentage of potential donors referred by the hospital that went on to give the gift of life.

"We are honoured to receive this award from Trillium Gift of Life Network," says Treva McCumber, vice president, Transitions, Diagnostics and Chief Nursing Executive. "I know our team in the Emergency department and Intensive Care Unit work very respectfully and compassionately with patients and families and Trillium to discuss organ donation when appropriate. We have come very far over the past few years to raise our conversion rates and to bring meaning for our eligible patients who have personally chosen to donate organs."

There are 1,600 people in Ontario waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. Visit [BeADonor.ca](http://BeADonor.ca) to register your consent for organ and tissue donation and talk to your family about your wishes. As of December 31, 2015, the registration rate for Barrie is 42 per cent.

"We are proud to acknowledge the important contributions of our hospital partners. The success of organ and tissue donation in Ontario relies on their hard work and dedication," said Ronnie Gavsie, president and CEO, TGLN. "Together, we work to make sure families are given the opportunity to honour their loved ones wishes and save lives through organ and tissue donation."

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For more information on organ and tissue donation in Ontario, or to learn more about the TGLN award, please contact Trillium Gift of Life Network at 416-619-2327.

Photo and cutline: Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) recently received a Hospital Achievement Award – Provincial Conversion Rate award from Trillium Gift of Life Network for its dedication to helping improve organ and tissue donation in Ontario and saving lives through transplantation. Back row (from left): Kim Bradford, laboratory assistant and eye enucleator for Eye Bank, RVH; Kelly Viljanmaa, administrative assistant team lead, Emergency and ICU, RVH; Dr. Chris Martin, ED physician/intensivist, clinical director, ICU, RVH; Jennifer Kluszczynski, manager, ICU, RVH; Jenna Moulder, clinical educator, ICU/CCU. Front row (from left): Dr. Karim Soliman, regional medical lead, TGLN; Karen Johnson, director, Hospital Programs, TGLN; Dr. Doug Austgarden, intensivist, chief of ICU and hospital donation physician, RVH; Paula Istead, operations director, Emergency department, ICU and Access, RVH; Cathy Ritter, Organ & Tissue Donation Coordinator/Hospital Development Coordinator, TGLN.

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