



HARBORVIEW DONATION GALLERY HONORS ORGAN DONORS, RECIPIENTS, AND THE GIFT OF LIFE

GALLERY TO BE UNVEILED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27 AT 3PM; FAMILIES AND RECIPIENTS TO ATTEND SPECIAL CEREMONY

Seattle, WA—(June 19, 2008)-- Brandon was 16 years old when struck by a car on his bicycle. Robin has dedicated her life to foster children and their families. BJ was in an automobile accident that took his life at age 19. Kirk and Cheri have been married nearly four decades.

All of these people will be honored at the unveiling of the **Harborview Donation Gallery** on Friday, June 27 at 3pm at Harborview Medical Center.

“This display is dedicated to those who give the amazing gift of life,” says Megan Erwin, Executive Director of Living Legacy Foundation at LifeCenter Northwest. “Brandon and BJ are shining examples of what can be done through this selfless act, and people like Robin and Kirk give thanks each day for the Brandons and BJs of this world.”

About those being honored:

THE DONORS

Brandon Harney

Brandon excelled in many sports, including cross-country, track and swimming. He made Varsity in all three his freshman and sophomore year in high-school. He loved discovery channel and the history channel. He was a leader and a jokester amongst his friends. And he left a legacy at the young age of 16.

BJ Miller

In October 2007, BJ Miller was just beginning college. He was an avid athlete who was captain of his football team throughout high school. He also excelled at baseball, actually pitching a no-hitter game and loved playing golf with his dad, John. He worked hard and played hard. He was a friend to all. Over 2,000 people attended his memorial service in the small town of Sunnyside, WA.

THE RECIPIENTS

Kirk Klitzke – liver recipient

Kirk has Hepatitis-C, and it was also discovered he had renal cell cancer on his left kidney. Within 2 weeks, it was removed, and later, upon return from a fishing trip, his entire body swelled up. His doctors recommended a transplant. Kirk has been married 38 years and spent a short time in the military. He has two children and several grandchildren and owns his own handyman business. He and his wife Cheri are looking for ways to honor Kirk's donor by giving back to their community and sharing their story.

Robin Prentice- lung recipient

Robin went to the doctor with what she thought was the flu, but turned out to be pneumonia in both lungs. When she didn't completely heal, a biopsy of her left lung revealed "Usual interstitial Lung Disease." There is no cure and she had to receive a transplant. Robin worked as a social worker for Casey Family Programs for over 12 years, working tirelessly to make an impact on her community. She is so thankful for her gift of life.

"Brandon's donation meant others could carry on with life and their families would have hope. This made my grief easier to bear," says Brandon's Mom, Shirley Harney-Taylor. "I could see the healing within our family and friends as they gathered strength knowing others had a chance for a better life. Brandon's life certainly had other meaning for those of us who knew and loved him, but this added to it in a beautiful way."

Says Kirk Klitzke: "Receiving this transplant is actually LIFE to me...everyone I know who is involved with me shares this blessing and hope with others even some that are in need or who know others in need of a transplant. I would ask anyone .. to consider registering as an organ donor. I am aware of a number of people who can now take a shot at a full productive life as a result of receiving a transplant."

Family members of the donors, recipients and friends will all be on hand to share stories, talk about donation and witness the unveiling of this permanent display at Harborview Medical Center. The ceremony will take place in the Patient and Family Resource Center by the gift shop at 3pm.

"As the only Level I trauma center for the region, Harborview works tirelessly each day to save every life that enters our doors. When that is not possible, we are proud to partner with LifeCenter NW for organ donation to help save the lives of others," said Becky Pierce, interim chief nursing officer, Harborview Medical Center.

Established by LifeCenter Northwest, a federally designated organ donation organization, Living Legacy Foundation serves as a bridge among donor families, recipients, living donors and the community. To learn more, visit www.lcnw.org, or to register your donation wishes, please visit www.donatelifetoday.com.

