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**OUR VISION: OUTSTANDING CARE - NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**OUR MISSION: DELIVER AN OUTSTANDING PATIENT CARE EXPERIENCE DRIVEN BY A PASSIONATE COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE**

## Media Release

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### **Team effort to save lives through transplant receives provincial recognition**

WINDSOR \_ Saving lives through organ and tissue donation is a team effort. When an organ is deemed suitable for transplant, clinical and non-clinical staff work together to ensure that the process to retrieve organs and tissue that can be safely transplanted to another individual waiting for a transplant is timely and successful.

On Thursday, Windsor Regional Hospital received special recognition of these efforts from Trillium Gift of Life Network, the Government of Ontario agency responsible for delivering and coordinating organ and tissue donation and transplantation services across the province.

WRH was presented Thursday with the Provincial Conversion Rate Award, which reflects the number of patients who went on to become donors out of all potential donors. Organ donation is a complex process and the conversion rate reflects how well TGLN and WRH work together to save lives.

In 2018-19, WRH had 13 organ donors which led to 49 transplants performed from organs recovered at the hospital 62 tissue donors enhancing the lives of many more individuals.

“Windsor Regional Hospital is an outstanding example of how applying leading donation practices can save lives,” says Ronnie Gavsie, President and CEO, Trillium Gift of Life Network. “The award is a reflection of the culture of donation established at Windsor Regional Hospital, and a reminder of the work that we still need to do in other communities across Ontario. We will not be complacent.”

Also Thursday, WRH gave special recognition to “Hidden Heroes” at our hospital whose dedication helped ensure the process to save ones is successful:

- Frank Foote, pharmacist, Intensive Care Unit, Ouellette Campus
- Nicole MacKinnon, physiotherapist, Ouellette Campus

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