

Gov. Walker: Governor Walker, First Lady Tonette Walker host 25th Annual Gift of Life Medal Ceremony

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MADISON – Governor Scott Walker and First Lady Tonette Walker hosted nearly 300 family members representing 85 organ donors today at the Executive Residence for the 25th Annual Gift of Life Medal Ceremony. The ceremony honors citizens who generously gave the gift of life through organ, tissue, or eye donations.

“Today we honor the lives of those who gave the most powerful gift; the gift of life,” Governor Walker said. “More than 800 lives were saved because these individuals chose to become organ donors. Wisconsin is among the nation’s most generous states when it comes to organ donations, and so we celebrate their selfless gifts, the lives saved, raise awareness for the cause, and encourage others to become organ donors.”

The Gift of Life Medal Ceremony is coordinated annually by Wisconsin’s two federally-designated Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs), the University of Wisconsin Tissues and Organ Donation in Madison, and the Wisconsin Donor Network in Milwaukee.

More than two million Wisconsinites chose to register as an organ donor. To learn more about organ donation or register to become an organ donor, please visit your local Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), or check out www.YesIWillWisconsin.com.