

Organs 'R' Us



Mission

Founded in 1996, Organs 'R' Us ("ORU") promotes organ donation through running and walking. Of 90,000 Americans (including 15,000 children) waiting for transplants, 18 die each day before a donor is found. ORU encourages family discussions and supports transplant candidates, recipients and families dealing with life threatening illness.

In 1997, ORU received the Community Recognition Award from the California Transplant Donor Network for generating \$2 million of publicity promoting organ donation. After running to victory in the world's largest footrace, the May 14, 1997, San Francisco Examiner claimed the ORU Centipede was the "most unique group to run the Bay to Breakers in its 86-year history." In July 1997, the first transplant recipient relay team participated in the San Francisco Marathon and appeared in the November 1997 edition of Runner's World Magazine.

In The Relay from Calistoga to Santa Cruz, ORU ran 197 miles in 31 hours as "Team Delaney" in a race dedicated to 3-year-old Delaney Corbitt who waited since birth for a kidney transplant. Two weeks before the race, Delaney received her gift of life. While runners crossed the finish, President Clinton signed a Relay shirt for Delaney at Stanford Hospital.

ORU Events: As the beneficiary of the San Jose Spring 10K, The Relay, Bay to Breakers, San Francisco Marathon, Sydney Marathon and California International Marathon, ORU has generated more than \$25 million of publicity promoting organ donation. Other events include the ORU San Francisco Zoo Luncheon, Packard Children's Hospital Transplant Christmas Party, ORU Goes High Tech at the Tech Museum of San Jose and coast-to-coast Mayorthon with San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown.

The 2001, 2002 and 2004 Relays were dedicated to the memory of Nicholas Green who was shot on a highway in Italy. Reg and Maggie Green donated Nicholas' organs to seven Italians as documented in the book, "The Nicholas Effect" and the CBS movie "Nicholas' Gift." Representing a grateful Italy, Maria Pia Pedala (received Nicholas' liver) rang an Italian bell in Calistoga to signal the start of the 2004 Relay. Maria Pia's only visit to the US was covered by four television stations, including RAI from Italy, and 18 publications including USA Today, People Magazine and Reader's Digest and discussed on David Letterman (March 16, 2005).

The 2005 - 2007 Relays are dedicated to two-year-old Katalina Thang of San Jose who waits for a heart lung transplant.



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Pledge Form

Organs 'R' Us promotes donation through running and walking. Pledge support for 90,000 Americans waiting for organs by running or walking the California International Marathon (26.2 miles), CIM Relay or CIM Fun Run (2.62 miles). Each day 18 die before a donor is found. In the long run (or walk), organ donation saves lives.

Discuss donation with your family, visit DonateLifeCalifornia.org to register as a donor, seek per-mile pledges and ask your employer to match your entry fee with a contribution to Organs 'R' Us, 501 (c) (3) Tax ID 94-3333306, cash or check. As required by the IRS, receipts are provided for contributions of \$250 or more.

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