



## **Northern Westchester Hospital and Community Partners Join Forces to Support LiveOnNY to Enroll Much-Needed Organ Donors**

### ***New York State Ranks Last in the Percentage of Registered Eligible Organ Donors***

**Northern Westchester Hospital, Mt. Kisco, New York** (September 30, 2016) – Joel Seligman, President and CEO of [Northern Westchester Hospital](#) (NWH), announced today that the hospital has joined forces with local governments to organize a community-wide organ donor registration day on Thursday, October 6, 2016, in support of [LiveOnNY](#).

Visit any one of eight (8) locations to enroll. Each site will be staffed with volunteers from the towns, NWH and LiveOnNY. Organ donor recipients and donor family members will be on hand to share their stories and the impact that organ donation has had on their lives. Nurses from Northern Westchester Hospital will provide free blood pressure screening in. The Armonk location will have dietitians offering samples of healthy snacks (instead of blood pressure screening).

**On Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, individuals can enroll as an organ donor at the following locations:**

**Northern Westchester Hospital:** 9am-5pm, 400 East Main Street, Mt. Kisco

**ARMONK: 10am-3pm, Armonk Square on Main Street (in front of Chase Bank)**

**Bedford:** 12pm-4pm, Bedford Fire Department, 34 Village Green

**Chappaqua:** 11am-4pm, 26 South Greeley Avenue

**Mount Kisco:** 11:00am-4:00pm, South Moger Avenue (Near Starbucks)

**Pound Ridge:** 12pm-4pm, Scotts Corners, 55 Westchester Avenue

**Somers:** Town Hall, 335 Route 202 and The Library, 80 Primrose Route 139

New York ranks 50th out of 50 states in the percentage of residents registered as organ donors, and New York ranks third in the country for the number of people waiting for organ transplants, according to [LongLiveNY.org](#). Additionally, according to LiveOnNY, more than 120,000 people in the United States are waiting for organ transplants. **Of these, nearly 10,000 live in the greater New York metropolitan area.**

“Organ donation is a second chance at life, and we’re hopeful that on this enrollment day we’ll see a significant increase in registered donors in our area,” said Mr. Seligman. “I am grateful to the Town Supervisors and their teams who have embraced this initiative, for our NWH volunteers, the willingness of organ donor recipients and donor family members to share their stories and for the efforts of LiveOnNY.”

**About Northern Westchester Hospital**

Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH), a proud member of Northwell Health (formerly North Shore-LIJ Health System), provides quality, patient-centered care that is close to home through a unique combination of medical expertise, leading-edge technology, and a commitment to humanity. Over 650 highly-skilled physicians, state-of-the-art technology and professional staff of caregivers are all in place to ensure that you and your family receive treatment in a caring, respectful and nurturing environment.

NWH has established extensive internal quality measurements that surpass the standards defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA) National Hospital Quality Measures. Our high quality standards help to ensure that the treatment you receive at NWH is among the best in the nation. For more information, please visit [www.nwhc.net](http://www.nwhc.net) and connect with us on [Facebook](#).

**About Northwell Health**

Northwell Health is New York State's largest health care provider and private employer, with 21 hospitals and over 500 outpatient practices. We care for more than 1.8 million people annually in the metro New York area and beyond, thanks to philanthropic support from our communities. Our 61,000 employees – including 15,000+ nurses and 2,500+ doctors within Northwell Health Physician Partners – are working to change health care for the better. We're making breakthroughs in medicine at the Feinstein Institute. We're training the next generation of medical professionals at the visionary Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine and the School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies. And we offer health insurance through CareConnect. For information on our more than 100 medical specialties, visit [www.Northwell.edu](http://www.Northwell.edu).

**About LiveOnNY**

LiveOnNY is a nonprofit, federally designated organ procurement organization (OPO) dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplant in the greater New York metropolitan area. Established in 1978, **LiveOnNY** is the second largest OPO in the United States, serving a culturally and ethnically diverse population of 13 million.

We work closely with 10 transplant centers and more than 90 hospitals in the region to facilitate donation. Additionally, we strive to raise awareness for organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation, educate the public, and encourage residents to enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry.