

ASMHTP Connections

A quarterly newsletter for those interested in the multicultural perspective in health care and transplantation.

American Society of Multicultural Health and Transplant Professionals

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Remembering Rev. Baxter Cornelious Harrington ASMHTP President Sept. 1998 - Sept. 1999



Baxter Harrington of Richmond, Virginia, formerly of Goldsboro, North Carolina, departed this life on Dec. 14, 2009. Rev. Harrington received a Bachelor of Science in Biology at Winston-Salem State University and a Master's in Immuno-Biology at Meharry Medical College Graduate School.

He served as a transplant specialist, community education specialist and consultant at LifeNet in Virginia. While there, he worked on the first liver transplant at Bowman Gray Hospital in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Rev. Harrington and Jack Lynch of Chicago created a Coalition Building Workshop Program where they traveled to various OPOs including ROBI (now Gift of Hope), LifeLink of Georgia, Upstate New York

Transplant Services, Carolina Organ Procurement Agency, New England Organ Bank, the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program, the Washington Regional Transplant Consortium, and the National Medical Association Annual Meeting held in Atlanta in 1995.

He spent his entire adult life promoting donation across the United States. He published three scientific articles in the area of grassroots-based community education programs. He conducted numerous workshops and presentations culminating at the 25th World Congress on Donation and Transplantation held in Osaka, Japan in August of 1994.

At the time of his passing, he was the executive director of MOTTEP of Richmond and also served as the associate pastor at the Richmond Christian Center.

Baxter was truly a giant in the field of donation and transplantation. His passion and love for his fellow man will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Donate Life Month Resources Available!



Donate Life America offers a plethora of resources during Donate Life Month. Visit www.dlmembers.net for donation and transplantation statistics, Frequently Asked Questions and national stories of hope for this April.

If you're not yet a member of Donate Life America, simply log on to their site and register. Aside from Donate Life Month resources, members have access to useful tools to use during National Minority Donor Awareness Day, Hispanic Heritage Month and Donor Sabbath.

Things to Remember

Membership Registration Deadline

Remember to renew your ASMHTP membership by **March 31, 2010!**

We strongly encourage you to invite other health and transplant professionals to join ASMHTP and take advantage of the many resources the organization provides.

For more information on the advantages of being a member and membership costs, visit www.asmhtp.org.

Submit Your Story Ideas!

Is your organization doing something for the multicultural transplant community that you would like to share with ASMHTP's members? Send your story ideas to Stacy Underwood at Stacy@danz.org or to Nuvia Enriquez at Nuvia@dnaz.org to be considered for the next edition of the ASMHTP Connections Newsletter.



The President's Corner



Greetings
ASMHTP Members:

First of all, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and prayers to the Harrington Family. Baxter Harrington had served as president and was a valued member of ASMHTP. His love for the transplant community will greatly be missed.

On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to thank each one of you for your emails, phone calls and many suggestions, as we embark on making ASMHTP an organization that is a resource for our transplant community. We are excited and looking forward to the explosion of ASMHTP's new venture!

I would like to thank each committee for taking their assignments seriously and developing many positive steps to ensure that ASMHTP's 18th Annual Conference will be a success. With a focus on our mission, let each one of us be reminded of the community we serve and the impact we may have in our donor families and transplant recipients.

Please always remember that I am here to serve each one of you. Please feel free to email me at ksatcher@nvdonor.org.

Sincerely,

R. Kelvin Satcher

Donate Life Float Wins Best Use of Theme Award

For the third consecutive year, Donate Life was among the Rose Parade award winners! This year's entry, "New Life Rises", won the prestigious Theme Trophy for excellence in presenting the parade theme, "A Cut Above the Rest." The float's message also resonated in the hearts of TV viewers nation-wide. ABC conducted a text-message poll for people to select their favorite float. The winner: Donate Life!

"New Life Rises" featured the mythical phoenix, a symbol of life emerging from the ashes of death that represents those who give life in their passing and the lives renewed through transplantation. The bird soared high above 24 float riders who were all transplant recipients and donor family members. The phoenix's tail feathers were adorned with dozens of florigraphs - portraits created with floral materials - that depict loved ones who gave life

to those in need. In addition, donors across the country were memorialized in a garden of dedicated roses, with each rose vial carrying a personal message of love, hope and remembrance.

The float's national campaign is coordinated by OneLegacy, the non-profit, federally designated organ and tissue recovery organization serving the seven-county greater Los Angeles area, and is supported by more than 60 organizations nationwide.



18th Annual Conference Coming in September



ASMHTP will be hosting its 18th annual conference “Advancing Multicultural Perspectives in Donation and Transplantation” on September 21-24 in Chicago. The 2010 conference will be packed with dynamic speakers and educational workshops to help transplant professionals and OPO staff address a variety of clinical, hospital and public relations issues. For more information visit www.asmhtp.org.

ASMHTP at a Glance



The American Society of Multicultural Health and Transplant Professionals serves the transplant

community by providing leadership in a national capacity on matters of diversity facing the transplant industry.

Currently, ASMHTP offers programs such as the Multicultural Initiatives Travel Grant which, in partnership with AOPO, gives OPO employees the chance to travel and learn about best practices at other organizations.

For more information about ASMHTP visit asmhnp.org.

Correction!

From the ASMHTP

Connections: In our past issue, Jack Lynch was mentioned as the new chair of the fundraising committee. However, the new chair of the fundraising committee is Monica James. Monica is the hospital and family services coordinator for the New York Organ Donor Network. To contact Monica, please email her at MJJames@nyodn.org.

AOPO Group Works to Increase Hispanic Donors

Two years ago, during Donate Life America's annual meeting in Arizona, a group of Hispanic outreach coordinators from different OPOs in the country were tossing around ideas about how to increase registration in the Hispanic community. According to Elena de la Cruz, media relations specialist for OneLegacy in California, after a presentation on donor designation in the country, the group began to wonder how many donor registries were accessible in Spanish.

“We found out from some coordinators that some states with high Hispanic populations did not allow their undocumented residents to register,” says Elena. “We agreed that we needed to find out more about this and other issues to address them among us and to point

them out to the donation community.”

These inquiries gave birth to AOPO's Latino Working Group, a subcommittee of the Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Committee. “Our focus is education and community development, donor designation, public relations and aftercare and family support,” says Elena.

The group meets for a conference call the first Tuesday of every month and they discuss the issues and best practices in their efforts to educate the community. Those interested in joining the Latino Working Group can contact Elena de la Cruz at (213) 229-5671 or at edelacruz@onelegacy.org.

CORE Becomes New MOTTEP Site



Center for Organ Recovery & Education

The Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) was selected as a

new Site for the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) in January.

CORE, the primary call center and intermediary for the organ recovery and allocation process in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Chemung County in New York, will now be one of the 11 MOTTEP Sites across the country.

“We feel that minority donation is very important and MOTTEP brings a key component in our efforts to educate minority communities,” said Holly Bulvony, director of corporate communications and public education for CORE.

“MOTTEP Sites carry out the local educational activities necessary in order to reduce the number of ethnic minority Americans needing organ transplants,” said Patrice Miles, executive director of National MOTTEP. “In choosing a Site, we want to make sure that the organization is a natural fit and that they can well represent MOTTEP locally supporting our mission.”



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The mission of the American Society of Multicultural Health and Transplant Professionals (ASMHTP) is to promote organ and tissue donation and transplantation among minorities and to serve in a national advisory capacity for research and education on these and other health-related issues.

ASMHTP Connections is a newsletter provided quarterly by ASMHTP to its members and friends. We welcome articles for consideration in future issues of ASMHTP Connections or suggestions for articles. Please submit these to Stacy Underwood at Stacy@dnaz.org.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission in the transplant and healthcare community!
