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TRANSPLANT GAMES OF AMERICA COMING TO AMERICAN DREAM IN NEW JERSEY JULY 16 THROUGH JULY 19

Four days of in-person activities and other events streamed nationwide on the TGA digital Event Hub will celebrate the gift of life and those who have been touched by organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation

BERGEN COUNTY, NJ -- The Transplant Life Foundation, together with co-host NJ Sharing Network, and partners RWJBarnabas Health, Hackensack Meridian Health, University Hospital, Meadowlands Chamber and American Dream will present the Reimagined Donate Life Transplant Games from Friday, July 16, through Monday, July 19, 2021, at American Dream, the unrivaled entertainment/retail center in Bergen County, New Jersey. Additionally, thousands of individuals from the transplant community will tune in to extensive online programming via the Event Hub. For a complete schedule of the daily fun and inspiring activities for all ages, visit www.transplantgamesofamerica.org.

Every two years, individuals from across the country gather to compete and celebrate the gift of life during the Transplant Games. Typically, the Games are an in-person, multi-sport festival featuring competitions for those who have received life-saving organ transplants, as well as bone marrow, corneal and tissue transplant recipients, and living donors. Special events also

focus on honoring living donors and donor families, as well as highlighting the miracle of transplantation. The Games in New Jersey were originally scheduled for July 2020, but were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, for the Reimagined Games, transplant recipients and living donors across the country have been participating remotely in competitions in their home cities since April, and the Games will culminate in person at American Dream.

All daily in-person activities during the Transplant Games are FREE and OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Court “A” of American Dream and running throughout the day and evening in various other locations within the center. Interactive activities include Zumba classes, live stage performances and uplifting videos from those touched by organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation. For a complete schedule of the daily fun and uplifting activities for all ages, visit www.transplantgamesofamerica.org.

“We are excited to bring our transplant community together in person at American Dream to celebrate the gift of life and honor donors while we all work together to raise awareness of our mission of saving lives by reducing the number of individuals waiting for a transplant,” said Bill Ryan, President and CEO of the Transplant Life Foundation. “The Transplant Games are the ultimate representation of what we stand for: courage, achievement and triumph over adversity.”

Today, there are 110,000 individuals in the United States waiting for a life-saving transplant, with nearly 4,000 residents in New Jersey. Nationwide, 20 people die each day waiting for a transplant. To register as an organ, eye and tissue donor, visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org.

About The Transplant Life Foundation

The Transplant Life Foundation® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to promote organ, eye, and tissue donation, as well as to bring awareness to the tremendous advances in the field of transplantation and in the development of immuno-suppressant drugs in the pharmaceutical industry.

About NJ Sharing Network

Dedicated to saving lives through organ and tissue donation, NJ Sharing Network is the non-profit organization responsible for the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissue for the nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents waiting for a life-saving transplant. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization, selected by *NJBiz* as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for the fourth consecutive year, is also part of the national recovery system, serving the 110,000 people on the national waiting list. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org.

ABOUT AMERICAN DREAM

American Dream, developed by Triple Five Group, is an unparalleled mix of world-class entertainment, retail and dining, comprising more than 3 million square feet in East Rutherford, New Jersey, just minutes away from New York City. American Dream is home to leading attractions including DreamWorks Water Park, Nickelodeon Universe Theme Park, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, SEA LIFE Aquarium, Big SNOW Ski Hill, and more. A curated collection of immersive retail experiences includes flagship locations for Aritzia, H&M, PRIMARK, Uniqlo, Sephora and Zara; as well as the world's first and only "candy department store," IT'SUGAR. For more information on American Dream, visit www.americandream.com.