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## Carson Palmer runs again on tendon of woman hit by drunk driver

By Curtis Eichelberger, *Bloomberg News*

*Following are excerpts from an article distributed by Bloomberg News on August 8, published by news outlets worldwide.*

Julie De Rossi spent the last night of her life passing out fliers for bands she was managing. As she drove home on a Houston freeway, a BMW traveling at twice the speed limit slammed her from behind.

The collision hurtled De Rossi's Volvo into a concrete barrier, crunching the car like an accordion and leaving the 44-year-old mother with only a faint pulse. She died later that day, the victim of a drunken driver.



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer is now back in the game after his knee was repaired using tissue from donor Julie De Rossi.

Photo courtesy of the Cincinnati Bengals

De Rossi didn't become a meaningless traffic statistic in the early hours of March 17, 2004. An organ donor, she has since helped mend more than 50 people, including Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer. The knee that Palmer heard snapping apart after a crushing hit during a January playoff game is now held together by Julie De Rossi's Achilles tendon.

"It's amazing to think that somebody else is inside me," says Palmer, 26, a former Heisman Trophy winner. "You look at the scar. You stare at it. You rub it. It's given me a second chance at life. And I'm extremely grateful to this person."

Palmer is now learning the identity of his donor for the first time. He is banking on a full knee recovery with tissue from the heel of a free-spirited Texas woman who was no athlete. De Rossi stood 11 inches shorter and was 90 pounds lighter than Palmer's 6-foot-5-inch, 230-pound frame.

### 'All or Nothing'

"She was so independent," says Dorothy Hyde, De Rossi's mother. "She just went all out at everything she ever did in life. It was all the way or nothing, and I admired that in her."

De Rossi's family agreed to tell Julie's story after *Bloomberg News* received clearance from Palmer, his doctor, LifeGift and the coordinating tissue bank.

Now, her story is also the story of Carson Palmer.

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### OUR MISSION

LifeGift strives to save and enhance lives by maximizing organ and tissue donation.

### OUR VISION

LifeGift envisions a community where every person says "yes" to organ and tissue donation.

### OUR VALUES

We value:

- honesty and integrity
- the building of trust through collaboration, personal responsibility and accountability
- compassionate care and sensitivity to families
- the abilities, dedication and professionalism of each team member
- the many cultural, religious and personal beliefs within our community
- the right of individuals to make informed decisions about their health care and organ and tissue donation
- an organ and tissue recovery process of the highest quality
- the efficient recovery and distribution of transplantable organs and tissue
- the equitable allocation of donated organs and tissues

*See "Leadership Line" on page 3.*

# LifeGift and partners' mettle earns medals

The mood was celebratory as a team from LifeGift and 10 partner hospitals were recognized for saving lives through significant achievement in organ donation during the Second National Learning Congress on Organ Donation and Transplantation in New Orleans in October.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded its Medal of Honor to hospitals which met or exceeded a 75 percent "conversion" rate – when potential donors become actual donors – during any 12-month period since 2004. Just 371 of the nation's 5,000 hospitals were honored.

"LifeGift's hospital partners work diligently day after day with a single focus – give a second chance at life to the men, women and children on the transplant waiting list," remarked Teresa Shafer, LifeGift chief operating officer. "It is a pleasure to work with them in saving lives."

## MEDAL OF HONOR

Ben Taub General Hospital – *Houston*  
Cook Children's Medical Center – *Fort Worth*  
Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital – *Fort Worth*  
John Peter Smith Hospital – *Fort Worth*  
Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center – *Houston*  
Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital – *Houston*  
Northwest Texas Hospital – *Amarillo*  
St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital – *Houston*  
Texas Children's Hospital – *Houston*  
University Medical Center – *Lubbock*



LifeGift management team members, from left to right, Teresa Shafer, Kim Davis, Ron Ehrle, Jan Barnett, Janice Whaley and Sam Holtzman attend the Medal of Honor ceremony at the Second National Learning Congress on Organ Donation and Transplantation in New Orleans in October.

This lifesaving collaboration enabled LifeGift itself to be recognized as one of only 13 organ procurement organizations which achieved a 75 percent conversion rate for any 12-month period.

How does this add up? LifeGift and its partner hospitals contributed to a national increase during 2004 of 11 percent over the 2003 rate for 1,400 more transplants; in 2005 the rate increased 6.2 percent for a total of 1,200 more transplants performed.

In applauding the hospitals and their OPO partners, Acting U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Kenneth Moritsugu reminded meeting participants who the real heroes are. "As we celebrate these outstanding achievements, let us remember that behind each number is a human face: an individual who has made the gift of life by becoming an organ donor, and the people who have benefited from a life-giving, life-enhancing transplant."

## Remembering State Representative and Kidney Recipient Glenda Dawson

On September 12, Texas lost a dedicated organ donation advocate and respected legislator when State Representative Glenda Dawson passed away of complications from a short illness.

LifeGift featured Dawson, a kidney recipient, along with her sister and donor, Diane Taylor, in its 2006 Calendar. Dawson endured 18 years of dialysis before Taylor was discovered to be a perfect match as a kidney donor.

Following her transplant, Dawson went on to do important work for the state of Texas. She proposed and worked to pass the Donor Education Awareness and Registry (DEAR) law in 2005. DEAR establishes a statewide database of people who wish to become donors and proves a comprehensive public awareness program to educate Texas about saving lives through organ donation.

She was proud to see the registry implemented September 1, just 12 days before her death. See "Making it official..." on page 3.



"Glenda Dawson represented everything that is right about this life," Governor Rick Perry said at the memorial service. "Her faith was unshakable, a fountain of life that sprung eternal."

"She lived by the adage 'to whom much is given, much is required.' Perhaps she learned that from the sacrificial act of her younger sister, Diane, who gave up her own kidney so Glenda could experience 19 precious years without dialysis," said Perry.

Dawson served two terms in the Texas House after being elected in November 2002. She served on the public education, higher education, public health and house administration committees. Before her work with the state, Dawson served as a public school teacher for more than 30 years. In 1999, she received the Teacher of the Year Award from Pearland Independent School District.

Following her death, Perry ordered all Texas state flags to be flown at half-staff September 13 and on September 15 for her memorial service.

In addition to her sister, Dawson is survived by her mother, Ruby Miles; her daughter and son-in-law, Dee and Carlos Saenz; her brother, Jesse Miles; and her grandchildren, Lauren and Dawson Saenz.

## Industry News Briefs

### U.S. focuses on actionable donor designations

Sign 'em up! LifeGift and hundreds of other pro-donation advocates have a mantra now tied to a single goal: 100 million actionable donor designations by April 2008. The national effort aims to get one-third of all Americans to do what is required in each of their states to become a donor. For most – and now Texas (see story below) – an individual 18 years and older can enroll in a registry. Currently, some 60 million Americans are registered.

### Making it official...

For the first time ever, any Texan 18 years and older can register his or her wish to become an organ and tissue donor! Thanks to state legislation passed in 2005 and sponsored by Senator Judith Zaffirini and the late Representative Glenda Dawson, the Donor Education and Awareness Registry was enacted on September 1.

To register your wish to become a donor, go to [www.texasdear.org](http://www.texasdear.org) and say “yes” to life!



## Leadership Line

*Mission...vision...values.*

SAMUEL M. HOLTZMAN III  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

*Mission...vision...values. For some companies, they are just words with an echoing emptiness. For LifeGift, they are more than buzzwords. They are lived each and every day.*

*Thanks to the work of board member Dr. Ed Massin and his capable committee, LifeGift has adopted a new set of guiding principles. It's fitting as LifeGift begins celebrating its 20th year of service to the community.*

At LifeGift, we build a bridge between a life which has been tragically lost and another life that has been miraculously saved. This bridge is built by many men and women who staff, serve and volunteer for our organization.

Dedicated, skilled and passionate people who strive to save and enhance lives by maximizing organ and tissue donation – that is our mission.

Our efforts, too, are motivated by the progress we make towards building a community where every person says

“yes” to organ and tissue donation, that is our vision.

We value the right of individuals to make informed decisions about their health care and organ and tissue donation, reaffirmed by the passage of legislation creating Texas' first official organ and tissue donor registry.

We value an organ and tissue recovery process of the highest quality, recognized by the American Association of Tissue Banks and the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations. We value the efficient recovery and distribution of transplantable organs and tissue, demonstrated by our commitment to the Organ Donation and Transplantation Breakthrough Collaboratives, which have revolutionized our industry and saved thousands more lives since their conception.

Saving lives...it's just that simple. This mantra has carried us through the last 20 years and will continue to lead us for the next 20 and beyond.

*Samuel M. Holtzman III*

*Carson Palmer runs again, continued from page 1*

### **Pass Play**

The Bengals selected Palmer out of the University of Southern California with the No. 1 pick in the NFL's 2003 draft. He became the team's starting quarterback in 2004.

As the Bengals entered the 2005-2006 post-season, Palmer was at the top of his game. He led the league with 32 touchdown passes, guiding the Bengals to an 11-5 record and a spot in the playoffs. Everything crumbled on January 8 as the Bengals faced the Pittsburgh Steelers.

On the Bengals' second offensive play, Palmer threw a perfect, 66-yard strike to wide receiver Chris Henry. Just as Palmer released the ball, Steelers defensive end Kimo von Oelhoffen crashed into the quarterback's left knee, buckling it and sending the Bengals star to the ground in pain.

The hit had torn Palmer's anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments – the ACL and MCL – and dislocated his kneecap. The Bengals went on to lose the game, 31-17, to the eventual Super Bowl champion.

"You hear those two pops, and you know what happened," Palmer says. "Just like that. Pop, pop. And you know you're done. It's over. Emotionally, it was devastating."

### **'Saying My Goodbyes'**

For Julie De Rossi's family, more profound devastation hit in a series of early morning phone calls. She was on the Southwest Freeway after promoting a nearby music festival. The BMW sport-utility vehicle, with an estimated speed of 117 miles per hour, propelled her car into the barrier, according to the Houston police.

Officials at Memorial Hermann Hospital called Hyde, Julie's mother, and she phoned Julie's son, Aaron Hehr, who lived near the hospital. Julie's sister, Karen Abercrombie, was vacationing in Colorado with her family and caught a flight out of Vail later that morning.

"I spoke to the neurosurgeon about 5 a.m. and he said she didn't have any brain activity and that she wasn't going to make it," says Aaron, now a 26-year-old college business major [at University of Houston]. "She was on machines, and I started saying my goodbyes."

Fortunately, Julie had told her family years earlier that when she died, she wanted to be a donor.

"We figured that when someone dies, their spirit or soul or whatever is gone," says Hyde, 76. "Why just discard the body to

deteriorate when it can help someone else? It's what she wanted, and we didn't hesitate."

Once consent was given, separate surgical teams removed Julie's organs and tissues. The organs usually need to be transplanted within a few hours. The tissues can be removed and stored for later use.

"Once the tissues have been recovered – the process takes about seven hours – we reconstruct the inside of the body so it looks completely normal when it's sent to the funeral home," says Mike Nickel, LifeGift's managing director of tissue services. "You have to remember that these are real people and real families who are doing something very special for people who need these tissues."

### **Transplanting Tissue**

Twenty-two months after De Rossi's death, Palmer was in the offices of orthopedic surgeon Lonnie Paulos. The surgeon, who had worked with the U.S. Ski team in Salt Lake City, moved last year to the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

In most healthy athletes, he can use the player's own tissue to repair ruptures, says Paulos, 59. Palmer suffered more extensive damage and required donor tissue.

"Transplanted ligaments tend to heal slightly weaker and slower than the patient's own tissue," Paulos says.

So he decided on a common procedure: use a donor Achilles tendon instead of a donor ACL. He says that while De Rossi was 44 years old, her Achilles tendon "is twice as strong as an ACL because of the density and how it's put together."

### **Three-Hour Operation**

On January 10, just two days after his injury, Palmer was in surgery at Baylor. The operation lasted three hours, double the usual time because of the extent of the injury, Paulos says.

The surgeon attached the tendon to Palmer's knee joint using screws that will eventually dissolve. In time, Palmer's cells will grow in and around Julie's Achilles tendon, genuinely making it part of his own body.

Palmer flew to Los Angeles two days later to start rehabilitation at an orthopedic clinic and returned to Cincinnati in mid-March to continue his recovery. Palmer says he has taken a realistic approach to his seven-month rehabilitation, which ordinarily requires a full year, according to his doctors.

Among Palmer's new fans is the family of Julie De Rossi. Now, they're rooting for Palmer to make a complete recovery and take the Bengals to the Super Bowl. The family members say they hope he thinks of Julie not as a piece of tissue but as the person she once was.

"This was not a cadaver who donated this," Dorothy Hyde says. "This was a human being, my daughter. A real, living person with history, who lived life on her own terms. Her name was Julie."



Julie De Rossi

## Westridge update!

LifeGift's new Houston digs continue to progress superbly. New construction manager Jessica Leibold, whose most recent project included a new campus for St. Catherine's Montessori (from whom LifeGift purchased its new building), currently is involved in securing permits and authorizations for parts of the construction process. By press time, the building will be completely gutted to make way for new interiors. Additionally, plans have begun for landscaping as well as a garden to honor donor families.



HOUSTON—Corporate and Southeast Region staff members take a look at construction and interior design plans for LifeGift's new building during an Open House July 6.

## Cycling for life

For the second consecutive year, the LifeRiders cycling team pedaled their way to Houston to promote organ, tissue, blood and bone marrow donation during the ninth annual Lone Star Circle of Life Bike Tour. The group, made up of LifeGift employees and associates, cycled on the tour's leg from College Station to Houston on October 4. Two LifeRiders (seen in black jerseys) were on the entire statewide tour, pedaling a total of 550 miles throughout Texas.



HOUSTON—Standing from left to right are: Captain Anthony Crespo, Tim Coltharp, Ricky Shah, Erica Herrera, Rudy Guerra, Gary Van Kuiken and Denise Van Kuiken. Kneeling are Christine Shiang and team captain Ken Mireles.



FORT WORTH—Becky Canal, left, celebrates with liver recipient Kayla Atkinson, center, and LifeGift's Wesley Burnett at the opening ceremony for the bike tour at Cook Children's Medical Center on September 30. Canal rode in honor of Atkinson. Her husband, Joe, is in the background.



HOUSTON—During an October visit to The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Acting U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Kenneth Moritsugu visits with LifeGift staff members. Pictured from left to right are: Lisa Kory, Dr. Moritsugu's wife; LifeGift's Kim Davis; Dr. Moritsugu; and LifeGift's Janice Whaley and Catherine Burch Graham.



HOUSTON—The Heart Exchange at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital – which counts among its members some of LifeGift's most active volunteers – recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. Commemorating the occasion were (at left) Mary Ann Brantley, whose husband, Bill, was a heart recipient; Vic Schwartz, a 20-year survivor; and St. Luke's Manager of Transplant Services Penny Powers.



DALLAS—At the CompuCom Employee Health Fair on November 1, LifeGift's Deb Powers, left, and Mark Penninger, right, invited participants to register online for the Texas donor registry at the LifeGift information booth. CompuCom's Lary Barton, center, helped organize the event for the company's more than 2,000 employees.

*LifeGift was prominently featured in summer and early fall media coverage related to LifeGift donor Julie De Rossi. As reported on page 1, De Rossi's family donated her organs and tissue two years ago, and her Achilles tendon was used to repair the knee of Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer. Following a news conference on August 10, coverage included several Houston and Cincinnati television affiliates, HBO's Inside the NFL, ABC News, ESPN, KTRH Radio and in The Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express-News and Abilene Reporter-News.*

*Following are additional media highlights for the summer and fall.*

- Newspapers across the LifeGift service area announced LifeGift having earned an accreditation from the American Association of Tissue Banks. The AATB distinction has been granted to less than 10 percent of organizations

involved in tissue recovery. Stories ran in the (Houston) *Heights Tribune* and the *Weatherford Democrat*, among others.

- LifeGift Managing Director Ron Ehrle is quoted in a July 24 article which ran in the *Fort Worth Business Press* regarding the work of Fort Worth transplant surgeon Dr. Robert Sloane.
- LifeGift was mentioned in a September 12 feature story which aired on KTRE-TV about transplant recipient Tim Hayward, a hospital administrator in Nacogdoches.
- The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* featured LifeGift Donation Clinical Specialist Shan Wolff in an August 1 story about pancreas islet cell transplants. Wolff underwent the procedure in late December 2005 to treat diabetes. Yet another *Star-Telegram* article on October 24 about diabetes quoted Wolff about his transplant.
- An October 19 article in *The Houston Chronicle* about donation discussed the new Texas donor registry launched on September 1.

## Accolades

- Three members of the LifeGift tissue teams can add CTBS (Certified Tissue Banking Specialist) to the end of each of their names. They include **Ken Mireles**, EMT-P, CTBS, and **Marcus Key**, CTBS, in the Southeast Region and **Jimmie Staggs**, CTBS, in the West Region. The Southeast Region's **Jeff Sulistio**, LP, CPTC, and **Joey Ortega**, CPTC, recently passed the Certified Procurement Transplant Coordinator (CPTC) exam. And in the North Region, receptionist **Karla Diaz**, CMA, became a certified medical assistant.
- **Tina LeVert**, RN, manager of the Southeast Region Level One Trauma Center Program and husband Walter Yates welcomed daughter Sydney Alexis on October 29.
- Houston's receptionist **Gala Edwardson** has been accepted into the Prairie View A&M University registered nurse program. She departs LifeGift this January for the Spring 2007 semester.
- Quality Assurance Coordinator **Ronda Horstman**, BS, CST, CTBS, was recently presented a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Tarrant County College.
- The Southeast Region welcomes new Donation Clinical Specialists **Misty Detiveaux**, BS, CRT, (RRTE), and **Chris McKee**, BS, RT. Detiveaux has three years

experience in Neuro ICU and Shock Trauma at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center. McKee also hails from Memorial Hermann-TMC where he worked in the intensive care unit.

- **Susie Edwards** has rejoined the Southeast Region following work with Texas Organ Sharing Alliance in South Texas. Edwards comes to LifeGift as a family support liaison.
- New Tissue Donation Specialist **George Rosas**, BS, CTBS, CEBT, joined the team in the Southeast Region. Rosas has more than a decade of experience in tissue recovery and currently is pursuing a master's degree in quality assurance. He previously worked for Gift of Hope in Philadelphia.
- **Sharika Strawder**, BS, MBA, **Corinne Williams**, BS, and **Mary Ann Bauchert**, BS, MSW, RN, are the newest in-house coordinators in the Southeast Region. Strawder was previously employed by Texas Children's Hospital and Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital as a patient-care advocate. Williams was an instructor for Wyle Laboratories and Johnson Space Center, and trained astronauts for NASA. Bauchert comes to LifeGift with more than 10 years experience in organ procurement with Southwest Transplant Alliance.
- **Duree Trautwein** is the newest donation systems specialist in the Southeast Region.

Trautwein comes to LifeGift with more than 20 years of health care marketing experience. She previously was employed by the Academy of Healthcare Professions, a 26-clinic group in the Houston area, as the laboratory liaison.

- The West Region welcomes new Donation Clinical Specialist **Patrick Sena**, RN. Sena previously worked as a nurse for Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.
- Joining the North Region team as the administrative assistant is **Deb Powers**. Powers was a unit secretary in the ICU at Medical Center of Arlington prior to coming to LifeGift.
- West Region tissue team members **James Goen**, CST, CFA, LSA, **Rachel McGinnis**, BS, **P' Jay Merrell**, BA, CTBS, and **Jimmie Staggs**, CTBS, have been recognized by LifeCell for exceptional accomplishment in tissue recovery.
- **Jessica Leibold** joined LifeGift as the construction manager for the new building project. She has more than 20 years experience in the industry and recently completed a project with St. Catherine's Montessori School in Houston.
- Southeast Region Family Support Specialist **Anabel Hollie** and husband Terrance welcomed daughter Gabrielle Alyssa on November 21.

## Personal donation experiences inspire LifeGift staff members



LifeGift's Elena Mendoza is now pain-free, thanks to the tissue transplant she received in 2003.

There's a special place for donors and recipients in the hearts of those who work for LifeGift. Every day, these dedicated employees strive to ensure life goes on through organ and tissue donation. So it's especially poignant when a LifeGift employee is personally affected by donation.

**Elena Mendoza** and **Ronda Horstman** are just two of several LifeGift staff members who have had such firsthand experiences – experiences which inspire and keep them focused on achieving LifeGift's

mission every day.

Mendoza has served LifeGift for a decade, currently working as an in-house coordinator at Ben Taub General Hospital in Houston. Several years ago, she tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) while playing volleyball. Unfortunately, the tear was misdiagnosed at the time and she lived with excruciating pain.

In 2003, doctors determined the cause of the pain and recommended surgery that would repair her knee using donated tissue. The transplant was a success, and Mendoza believes her experience enhances her ability to discuss tissue donation with families.

"I appreciate my job a lot more," she said. "I am more attached because I know how it feels to be on the receiving end of a donation and how grateful recipients are to the donors. I tell our donor families that they aren't just helping the nameless recipient, they are helping people like me."

Horstman, a quality assurance coordinator in LifeGift's North Region, shares Mendoza's appreciation for the incredible gift that donor families share. In her case, this gift meant renewed life for her mother.

About seven years ago, Horstman's mother, Treva Schlabach, was diagnosed with emphysema. She quit smoking immediately, but the damage to her lungs was done. Her condition continued to decline until she was hospitalized.

At Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Schlabach was put on the waiting list for a lung transplant in August 2005, and

she received a double-lung transplant a year later. Her pulmonary function was 20 percent just prior to the transplant. But three weeks after the transplant, it was 73 percent.

Horstman says her mother looks fabulous and is enjoying living life to the fullest, whether it's attending a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game or going on a nature walk with a friend. As for Horstman, the experience has given her a clearer vision of what it means to work for LifeGift.

"It's always been a blessing to help so many people, but to have it come full circle is even more touching," she said. "It truly is a gift that these people give. They gave my mom back to me."



Ronda Horstman, right, visits her mother, Treva Schlabach, a week before Schlabach received her double-lung transplant.



Treva Schlabach, left, and her friend, Kay Hansen, who was transplanted five days before her, take a nature walk in October – an activity they never could have enjoyed before their transplants.

## International islet cell transplant surgeon comes to Fort Worth

A world-renowned Japanese surgeon whose work has moved the medical community a step closer to curing diabetes has joined the medical staff of Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth.

Starting in December, Dr. Shinichi Matsumoto will serve as director of the Baylor All Saints Islet Cell Laboratory and director of the Islet Cell Transplantation Laboratory at the Baylor Institute for Immunology Research.

Dr. Matsumoto performed the world's first successful live pancreatic islet cell transplantation in Japan in January 2005. By successfully transplanting insulin-producing cells from a mother to her daughter, Dr. Matsumoto may have cured the daughter of diabetes, as reported in the British medical journal *The Lancet*.

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