

## Upcoming Events...

- March 22, 2009, 1-3 p.m.  
**Jacksonville Remembrance & Recognition Ceremony**  
FCCJ Wilson Center for the Arts - 11901 Beach Blvd.  
[www.donorcare.org](http://www.donorcare.org)

- April 18, 2009  
**Katie Ride for Life - Amelia Island**  
[www.katierideforlife.org](http://www.katierideforlife.org)

- April 23, 2009, 7-8 pm  
**2nd Annual Improv Lives/ Living Green Ribbon Event (UNF Get Carded)**  
UNF Fine Arts Center - 1 UNF Drive, Building 45  
In honor of Grant Prather, UNF Get Carded Student Director who passed away on 28 February 2009. He will be sorely missed for all the work he did to educate about donation.

- May 2, 2009  
**Donate Life Day- Jacksonville**  
The Landing - Downtown Jacksonville

- May 17, 2009, 1-3 pm  
**Melbourne Remembrance & Recognition Ceremony**  
Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront -2605 North Highway A1A  
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# SETA Supports the 5th Annual Katie Ride for Life

Mark your calendar now for the fifth annual Katie Ride for Life on Amelia Island, sponsored by the Transplant Center at Mayo Clinic Jacksonville; the Ride spanning over nine islands offers a full century 100 mile ride, 100km, 60km, 30km, off-road, family fun ride and 5k and 10k walk. SETA is proud to sponsor the 30km portion of the ride.

The Katie Ride for Life was established in memory of Katie Caples, a high school athlete from Jacksonville who became an organ and tissue donor at the age of 17 after not surviving an automobile accident. Katie had documented her decision to become a donor on her driver license, and her parents honored that decision. Katie gave the gift of life and saved the lives of five people, from a 9-year old girl and a 62-year old widowed mother of five.



The Katie Ride for Life event is designed to raise awareness and funds for organ and tissue donation education programs. Since its inception, the Katie Ride for Life has raised more than \$300,000 for donor education programs in Florida's high schools.

"Education is a vital component to solving the shortage of available organs and tissues for transplantation. We will reach 10,000 high school students this year through a unique program aimed at educating the students and their families about organ and tissue donation," says David Caples, donor father and president/founder of the Katie Caples Foundation.

The limited supply of donated organs is not meeting the enormous demand. Each day, an average of 18 people will die because the organs they need never come available. One organ and tissue donor can help as many as 68 people.

Recycle your life by saying "yes" to organ and tissue donation and share that decision with your family and join us in Amelia Island Saturday, April 18th for starting times and to register or learn more visit [www.katierideforlife.org](http://www.katierideforlife.org) or call 904.491.0811.



# New Jacksonville Exhibit

The Museum of Science and History (MOSH) recently opened a permanent exhibit called "The Body Within." This engaging and vibrant exhibit will teach about the anatomy and physiology of the human body...from the inside out! This is exciting news for SETA because we are providing preserved human organs, such as the heart, lungs, intestines, stomach and tissues to include tendons, and eyes for the exhibit. You can't get more realistic than that!

MOSH says the goal of this exhibition is to educate visitors about the human body so that in turn they will make better choices concerning their bodies, and strive for a healthy lifestyle. Promoting good health is a key to creating a better community. The MOSH will also be displaying information to promote organ and tissue donation. In April, MOSH will be flying a Donate Life flag in honor of organ, tissue and eye donors and recipients in the Donate Life America Flags Across America initiative. SETA is glad to be a part of this exciting exhibit and partnering with the MOSH on educating the community about donate. Go visit this exhibit and experience The Body Within! For more information, visit [www.themosh.org](http://www.themosh.org)



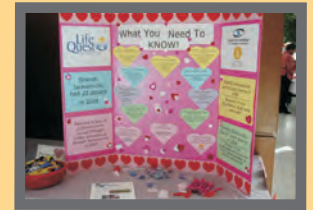
# What's Happening in... Gainesville

The Five Points of Life raises awareness of the need for lifesaving donations of blood, apheresis, marrow, cord blood, and organ and tissue. On February 21-22 in Gainesville over 2,000 runners participated in the marathon, half marathon or 5km. SETA along with LifeQuest and RTI Biologics sponsored a water station and honored the many Floridians who are organ and tissue donors. You are our super heroes!



Shands Jacksonville hosted a three day Survey Readiness Fair in February for their employees. The fair was a vision of the Shands Regulatory Accreditation Committee with over 25 tables representing Joint Commission Chapters. Employees visited each table for an overview of the information and then had cards signed off on. These cards were then entered into a drawing for prizes. SETA and LifeQuest shared a table to educate Shands employees on clinical triggers and information associated with organ and tissue donation. Great event thanks for the invitation.

## Jacksonville



**Donor Registry...**The State of Florida has awarded the contract to run the Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to Donate Life Florida (formerly Florida Coalition on Donation). This realizes a two-year effort which began with getting legislation passed to require AHCA to outsource the donor registry. The new registry will be web-based and contain much more donor information. It will even have the capability of having people sign up for the registry at events on laptops which can download the information directly to the registry. Plans are to have this new registry up-and-running within six months.

April is **National Donate Life Month...**SETA, LifeQuest and the Lion's Eye Bank are providing hospitals with table tents for your cafeterias, waiting area's and physician's lounges. Also, these three organizations and TransLife are participating in Flags Across America, a Donate Life America initiative, which honors and celebrates the hundreds of thousands of donors and recipients whose lives have been affected by organ, tissue and eye donation. Across Puerto Rick, DC, and more than 36 states thousands of Donate Life flags will be flown and displayed throughout the month of April.

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## because you asked...BYA

Do you have a question you need to know the answer to?

Each month, we will take questions that we receive from you and answer them...because you asked!! We look forward to hearing from you. Email your questions to: [SETAPR@donorcare.org](mailto:SETAPR@donorcare.org)

**Q:** Why is there such a great need for donated tissue?

**A:** It's estimated that 1 in 20 Americans will need some type of medical tissue transplant during their lifetime. Donated human tissue often provides benefits that outweigh those of non-tissue implants and autographs taken from elsewhere in the patient's body.

Tissue that can be donated include soft and connective tissue (i.e., heart valves and tendons), bone, veins, skin and eyes.

**The Gift** is a bi-monthly newsletter published by SETA working with hospitals in Central and Northern Florida to enhance lives through tissue donation.

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We welcome your feedback and ideas. Please email questions, comments or suggestions to [SETAPR@donorcare.org](mailto:SETAPR@donorcare.org) or call 352.514.4376.

**The Gift** is also available on-line at [www.donorcare.org](http://www.donorcare.org)

