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ARMC receives U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Medal of Honor for success in raising organ donation rates

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC) was honored by the United States Department of Health and Human Services with its Medal of Honor for organ donation Wednesday, April 23. Representatives of Gift of Life Donor Program presented ARMC staff with the award that recognized their success in matching organ donors with those waiting for life-saving organs. The hospital facilitated 35 life-saving transplants through organ and tissue donations in 2007.



The Medal of Honor is awarded to hospitals that achieve a 75 percent conversion rate in a 12-month period. The conversion rate refers to the number of transplant opportunities the hospital facilitates that might have been lost because individuals who chose to, or would have chosen to donate their organs upon death didn't make their wishes known. ARMC received special recognition for achieving this distinction for three consecutive years at both Mainland and City campuses.

AtlantiCare Customer Service data administrative assistant and Absecon, New Jersey resident Dianne Bottino shared her personal experience as part of the award ceremony. Dianne lost her husband, a 24-year Atlantic City casino employee, last year while he was awaiting a liver transplant.



According to Gift of Life Donor Program, by becoming an organ donor, one person can enhance as many as 50 lives. AtlantiCare is partnering with the New Jersey Hospital Association and Gift of Life to increase awareness about the importance of organ donation designation and family notification throughout Donate Life Month.

For more information about organ and tissue donation, please visit www.atlanticare.org.

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Photo Caption 1: ARMC Mainland campus Intensive Care Unit (ICU) staff nurse Maria Cajulao, RN, BSN, CCRN, shares a moment with AtlantiCare Customer Service data administrative assistant Dianne Bottino following the Gift of Life ceremony honoring ARMC's commitment to creating awareness about the importance of and facilitating organ donation Wednesday, April 23. Dianne lost her husband while he was awaiting a liver transplant last year.

Photo Caption 2: Maria Cajulao, Dianne Bottino, and ARMC Mainland campus ICU clinical manager Louise Giese, RN, MSN, APN pose with the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Medal of Honor.

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AtlantiCare is a regional healthcare organization based in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, whose more than 4,580 employees serve the healthcare needs of the community at more than 60 locations. It includes AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC), the AtlantiCare Foundation, AtlantiCare Health Plans, AtlantiCare Behavioral Health and AtlantiCare Health Services. ARMC became the 105th hospital in the nation to attain status as a Magnet™ designated hospital in March of 2004.