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Dosher Promotes the Mission of Organ Donation at Hospital Event

SOUTHPORT— Dosher Memorial Hospital was among dozens of hospitals that partnered with HonorBridge on Wednesday April 6th to simultaneously hold a statewide Donate Life flag raising ceremony and moment of silence. This event promoted the mission of organ, eye, and tissue donation while honoring donors, donor families, recipients, and those waiting for a life-saving transplant in North Carolina. The **Pause to Give Life** event commenced with a flag raising ceremony at 10:08 am followed by a moment of silence for 30 seconds to honor organ donors and their families. The time of 10:08 highlights that one donor can save eight lives, and the 30 second moment of silence recognizes that over 3,000 patients are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant in North Carolina.

HonorBridge Community Relations Coordinator Latoya Joyner was present for the event at an outreach table set up in the Dosher lobby. Ms. Joyner connected with several hospital visitors, distributed information, and addressed individual questions about organ donation.

Lynda Stanley, President and CEO of Dosher says, "We appreciate everyone's participation at this event and are thankful that Ms. Joyner was present to begin these important conversations about organ donation with members of our community."

About Dosher

Dosher Memorial Hospital of Southport is a critical access hospital serving Smithville Township and the surrounding areas. In addition to an emergency department and a 25-bed patient care unit, Dosher operates a network of medical and surgical services in our local area which includes five primary care clinics, a Convenient Care, a general surgery practice, and a women's health clinic, with other major service lines including orthopedics, pain management, cardiac rehab, speech and physical therapy, and hyperbaric wound care. For more information on hospital services, visit our website at Dosher.org.

About HonorBridge

HonorBridge, formerly known as Carolina Donor Services, is the federally designated not-for-profit procurement organization serving 7.5 million people in 77 counties in North Carolina and Pittsylvania County in Virginia. HonorBridge is devoted to building connections that save and heal lives through organ and tissue donation with offices in Durham, Greenville, and Winston Salem. In North Carolina, over 3,000 people are currently waiting for organ transplants, and nationally, over 100,000 people are on the organ waiting list. For more information, visit HonorBridge.org or call 1-800-200-2672.

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Dosher President and CEO Lynda Stanley (to the right, in blue) stands underneath the "Donate Life" flag, displayed on the Dosher flagpole, at Dosher's Pause to Give Life Event.



Latoya Joyner from HonorBridge answered questions and distributed information about organ donation to hospital visitors and staff.