

Tift Regional Medical Center Nurses Now Trained as Donor Resource Professionals through LifeLink® of Georgia

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Photo cutline: Tift Regional Medical Center nurses Leigh Luke, nurse manager of the Cardiac Stepdown unit and Stephanie McClain, clinical nurse educator of the Critical Care unit

TIFTON (July 17, 2024) - LifeLink of Georgia, the state's organ recovery organization, conducted a Donor Resource Training Program on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in a virtual format. Hospital attendees were trained in the donation process allowing them to be additional resources at their respective hospitals with referrals, donor management of cases, and family care.

Tift Regional Medical Center has two Donor Resource individuals who have completed the training program. Leigh Luke, nurse manager of the Cardiac Stepdown unit and Stephanie McClain, clinical nurse educator of the Critical Care unit, attended the latest program.

LifeLink Donor Resource Programs are a departure from the traditional collaborative conferences with hundreds of attendees and broad topics about donation. The Donor Resource Programs are limited to a small number of nurses, selected by LifeLink staff, hospital directors, and hospital management teams. They are intentionally kept small to allow for more informal and in-depth discussions.

The Donor Resource Role allows the hospital clinical staff to represent an in-depth knowledge base for nurse colleagues, ensure referral protocols are consistent with state and federal regulatory standards, identify and initiate timely referrals, assist with measures to address missed or late referrals, facilitate communication and supportive huddle during donor cases, implement the use of process improvement tools and understand hospital's compliance performance through data.

“LifeLink is proud of each new Donor Resource Training Program graduate and thanks them for their continued support of organ and tissue donation. We look forward to the positive impact they will have on donation at Tift Regional Medical Center,” says Danny Johnson, Hospital Liaison with LifeLink of Georgia.

For more information about the LifeLink Donor Resource Program contact LifeLink of Georgia's Hospital Development Department at 800-544-6667.

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