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SOUTH CAROLINA ORGAN & TISSUE RECOVERY SERVICES

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2022 Annual Report

Celebrating a Year of New Milestones and Growth for the Future

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the GRAND OPENING

To watch a video of the event, please visit: https://bit.ly/3XPG4S8

In October, We Are Sharing Hope SC officially opened its doors to the community with a grand opening and ribbon cutting.

Several speakers, including Derek McCallum, Principal at RSP Architects and Mayor John Tecklenburg. Mayor Tecklenburg is an advocate for donation and has supported SHSC's mission since the very start, encouraging South Carolinians to become registered donors.

The monumental milestone would not have been possible without our community's support and the visions of our leadership team and board of directors.

We are grateful for our community partners and all who have shared in our journey to create a space to inspire, offer hope and change lives through organ, eye and tissue donation for years to come.

2022 Highlights

Dr. Gerald A. Wilson Board Room Dedication

We honored SHSC Board Chairman, SCMA 2017 Physician of the Year, with an unveiling of the Dr. Gerald A. Wilson Board Room, located in our headquarters in Charleston.

Dr. Wilson is a retired vascular surgeon in Columbia, SC, and is a passionate advocate for the mission of saving lives through donation. Dr. Wilson has worked tirelessly to encourage the community to appreciate and understand the magnitude of organ donation as a life-saving gift.

"I am most proud of the progressive accomplishments of SHSC, specifically looking at the improvement in organ and tissue sharing dispersal to decrease the inequities in health care," said Dr. Wilson. "I am quite honored to be recognized by We Are Sharing Hope SC, and I can only promise that I will continue to do everything I can to continue this good work."

To watch a video of the dedication, please visit: https://f.io/f4zzyzfl

Transplant Games of America

In August, We Are Sharing Hope SC sent two donor families to The Transplant Games of America, which brings together thousands of transplant recipients, living donors, donor families, people on the waiting list, caregivers, transplant professionals and supporters for the world's largest celebration of life. Denise (mom of donor hero Michael), along with Ben and Susan Morgan (parents of donor hero Rudy) participated in activities to honor their loved ones' legacies.

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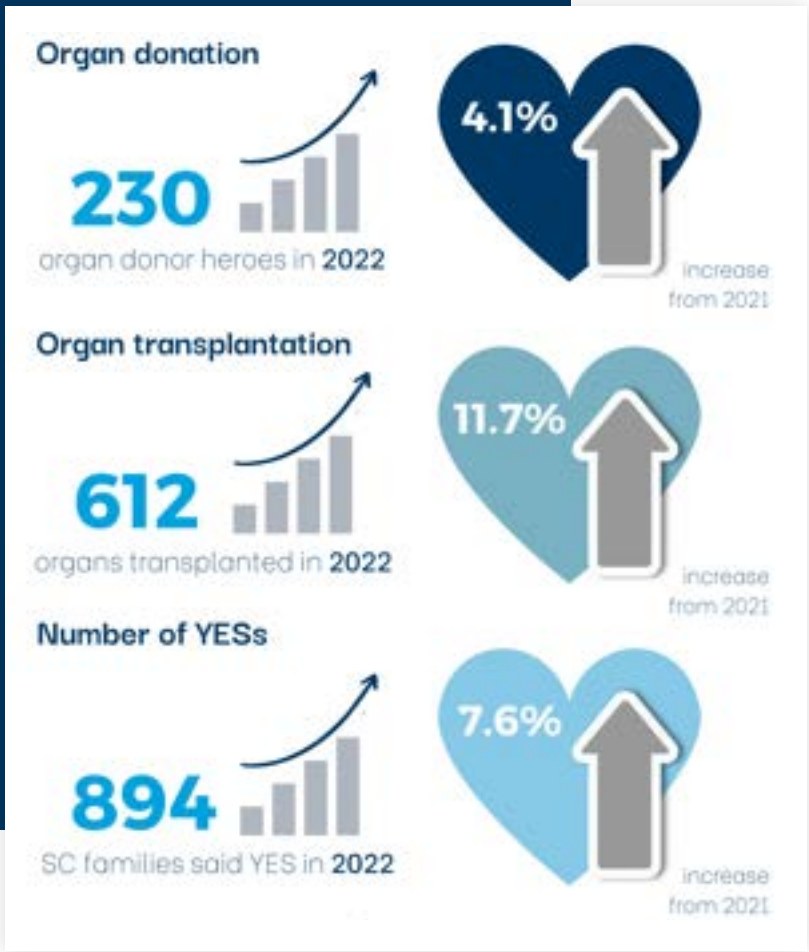


Inspiring Leaders Award

Each year Inspiring Workplaces recognizes 38 winners worldwide for its Inspiring Leaders Award. We Are Sharing Hope SC President and CEO Dave DeStefano was awarded for his empathy, courage, humanity, kindness, and compassion. Dave was seen as keeping the well-being of others as a priority, being vulnerable, humble, selfless and nurturing.

Staff would describe Dave as being one of the most approachable leaders in the organization. His humanity is evident through every interaction and conversation with employees. Dave genuinely greets all staff members by name, meets them with the biggest smile, checks in with them and is genuinely invested in personal connections and details employees openly share with him.

SHSC's Inaugural Health Fair

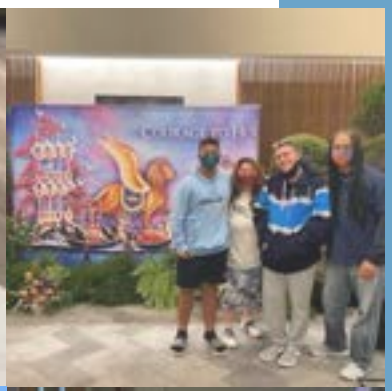
SHSC hosted our very first Community Health Fair in August to celebrate National Multicultural Donor Awareness Month. Attendees were able to learn about mental health resources, understand better eating habits, experience self-care opportunities available to them, receive COVID-19 vaccinations, boosters, and flu shots and become more educated about donation and overall health.

The health fair provided SHSC with the opportunity to continue positive conversations about donation and the importance of proactive vs. reactive healthcare.

Weekend of Reflection

Donor Family Services hosted a weekend of gratitude and reflection, bringing over 200 donor families together. The event gave our families another opportunity to honor and celebrate their loved ones during the holiday season and the hope they give to others. Sharing memories over hot cocoa and cookies, bonding while designing ornaments and luminaries for those who have left legacies of hope.

Families came from all over the Palmetto State, in addition to North Carolina, Florida and Alabama, to unite, express, remember and celebrate together.



Donate Life Rose Parade

We Are Sharing Hope SC, Bridge to Life, Donate Life South Carolina, Global Transplant Solutions, Inc. and the South Carolina DMV participated in the 133rd Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. SHSC sent the Johnson/Miller family to Pasadena on their first flight ever to witness their son, Keegan, who was honored on the 2022 Donate Life Rose Parade Float.

In 2020, their 17-year-old son Keegan passed away. He always wanted to be an organ donor, and his wishes were honored, along with all of his family registering to become donors. Keegan's funeral was his last celebration, with 1,300 people in attendance. He loved life and was just a larger-than-life person. Keegan's family members are advocates for donation and hope to inspire and educate the community about the beauty of donation.

grand STRAND WALL OF HOPE

The Gift of Grand Strand is a tribute wall that was created through our partnership with Grand Strand Medical Center. Each panel shares a different perspective on the journey of donation, inspiring South Carolinians to seek hope in the gift of life. To see the impact of a loved one's legacy through the eyes of a donor family, the hope of tomorrow through a transplant recipient, or the desire to make an impact through the lens of a family who lost their loved one waiting on a gift, is to understand how critical the work of organ, eye and tissue donation is within our community.

17th Annual Race for Life

During National Donate Life Month, we hosted the 17th Annual Race for Life at Folly Beach. Over 500 families came together to support the mission and the generosity of those that made the selfless decision and said YES to donation.

To watch a video of the event, please visit: https://bit.ly/3YUksUU

Donor Family Weekend Retreat

SHSC hosted our annual Donor Family Remembrance event in Charleston, South Carolina. The 2-day event brought families together from around the state to connect and share their stories. Part two of the weekend retreat took place at the Gaillard Center in downtown Charleston where we celebrated our heroes with an Annual Remembrance Ceremony.

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