



# Pause to Give Life

## 2026 HonorBridge Pause to Give Life Verbiage

(for use in hospital newsletter or intranet-extended version)

*(If appropriate, use a photo of the Donate Life Flag. Please get in touch with Beth Hinesley at [bhinesley@honorbridge.org](mailto:bhinesley@honorbridge.org) if you need an image.)*

### **Join Us for the Annual HonorBridge Pause to Give Life, Donate Life Flag-Raising Ceremony**

Please join (Hospital Name) on Wednesday, April 1, at (location of the flagpole) as we celebrate April as National Donate Life Month. We will participate along with other hospitals in the HonorBridge service area in a simultaneous Donate Life flag-raising ceremony and moment of silence to honor donors, their families, recipients, and those waiting to promote the mission of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

We will raise our Donate Life flag at **10:08 a.m.** to highlight that **one** donor can save **eight** lives. We will then observe a moment of silence to recognize the over **3,000** patients waiting for a lifesaving transplant across North Carolina.

(If holding an event after the flag ceremony, add details here.)

The Donate Life Flag, introduced in 2006, has become a national symbol of unity, remembrance, and hope while honoring those touched by donation and transplantation. During the past 19 years, over 50,000 Donate Life Flags have flown across America.

Across the nation and North Carolina, 2024 proved to be another record year for saving lives through organ donation and transplantation.

HonorBridge, North Carolina's largest organ donation and tissue recovery organization, recovered 890 organs that were able to be transplanted, saving 815 lives.

HonorBridge's continued growth reflects its commitment to process improvements, investment of highly skilled and trained staff, and dedication to its organ and tissue donor families impacted by loss and grief. Other important records set by the nonprofit organization included a record-shattering year for our tissue team, recovering 2,818 tissues in 2024 from 1,372 tissue donors—an incredible 29% increase over our best year ever.

### **About HonorBridge:**

HonorBridge is a federally designated, not-for-profit organ procurement organization serving 7.5 million people in 78 counties in North Carolina, along with Pittsylvania County in Virginia. With offices in Chapel Hill, Greenville, and Winston-Salem, HonorBridge is devoted to building connections that save and heal lives through organ and tissue donation. For the third consecutive year, HonorBridge was named Business North Carolina's Best Employers. 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](https://www.HonorBridge.org) or call 1-800-200-2672.