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NASCAR Driver Races to Raise Awareness for Organ & Tissue Donation and Honor Texans

Donate Life Texas and Joey Gase team up for an organ and tissue donation tribute including organ donor, Raven Goff and heart recipient, Diana Evans

Dallas-Fort Worth (October 22, 2020) – Donate Life Texas is proud to partner with NASCAR driver, donor son and Donate Life advocate, Joey Gase for the [Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500 race at Texas Motor Speedway](#) on Sunday, October 25th.

At the age of 18, Gase tragically lost his mother, Mary, to a sudden brain aneurysm. Faced with a difficult decision, he and his family gave their consent to donate his mother's organs. Later, they learned that her gift helped to save and improve the lives of 66 people.

Gase developed a passion for educating others on the need for organ, eye and tissue donation and honoring all of those affected by donation and transplantation. His car regularly features the face of his mother, other donors, and organ and tissue recipients and those waiting, making his one of the most unique cars in NASCAR.

"I am excited to be teaming up again with our friends at Donate Life Texas. I'm thankful for their partnership this weekend so we can not only race to win, but more importantly raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation and honoring all of these amazing people," says Gase.

In what has become an annual tradition for what Gase calls "Handprints of Hope," organ, eye and tissue honorees, including family and friends, were invited to submit virtual handprints and messages of hope to be displayed on the Donate Life Texas #51 car. This year, organ donor Raven Goff and heart recipient Diana Evans along with 200 other Texans will be featured on Gase's car at the Texas Motor Speedway.

Six-year-old Raven Goff died after being involved in a tragic accident in January of this year. Her giving spirit lives on after her parents made the decision to give the gift of life. Raven left a lasting legacy helping to save the lives of six patients through the donation of her heart, liver, two kidneys and pancreas, along with her corneas which gave sight to two small children.

Diana Evans was diagnosed with idiopathic cardiomyopathy, an enlarged heart, in March of 2000. Her doctor had informed her that there was no cure for this condition and she would most likely need a heart transplant within two years to survive. Diana was listed for transplant on November 1, 2017 and nine days later was blessed with a new heart and a new life.

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For Gase, the Donate Life mission is personal. He has been a passionate advocate for Donate Life Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Registries in multiple states since his mother passed away and became a donor in 2011. Gase was awarded the COMCAST Community Champion of the Year in 2015 for his work supporting Donate Life.

- WHAT:** NASCAR driver, Joey Gase to honor Texas organ donor, organ recipient and 200 others impacted by donation and transplantation
- WHO:** Transplant recipients, donor family members, healthcare professionals, donation advocates and the entire community are invited to watch the unveiling via [Facebook Live](#) of the #51 Donate Life Texas Joey Gase NASCAR *virtually*
- WHEN:** Sunday, October 25, 2020 @ 2:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Texas Motor Speedway - *Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500*
- WHY:** Celebrating the gift of life and the Donor Heroes who make it all possible

There are more than 10,000 people in Texas in need of organ, eye or tissue transplants each year. Register today to become an organ, eye or tissue donor by visiting DonateLifeTexas.org.

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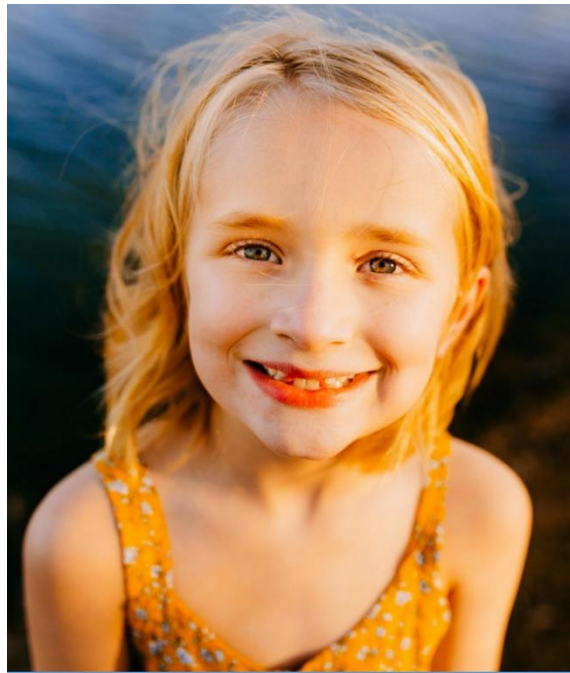
About Donate Life Texas

The Donate Life Texas organ donor registry started in 2005 and celebrated its twelve millionth registration in 2019. The registry is supported by the Texas organ procurement organizations, LifeGift, Southwest Transplant Alliance and Texas Organ Sharing Alliance and the ten eye and tissue banks serving the state. Donate Life Texas is part of the [Donate Life America](#) not-for-profit alliance of national organizations and local partners across the United States.

Signing up is fast and easy at DonateLifeTexas.org and provides a way for individuals to make their decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor known to the right people at the right time, automatically. It also provides legal consent for donation after death, which removes the burden of decision-making from the family during an already difficult time.

About LifeGift

LifeGift is a nonprofit, 501(c) 3 organization that offers hope to individuals needing transplants in 109 Texas counties in Southeast, North and West Texas. It is a founding member of Donate Life Texas, the organization that manages the organ, eye and tissue donor registry. Please visit www.LifeGift.org.



Raven Goff
Organ Donor, 2020



Diana Evans
Heart Recipient, 2017

