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BC transplant recipients heading East to compete in the Canadian Transplant Games

VANCOUVER – Four transplant recipients from British Columbia are gearing up to participate in the Canadian Transplant Games, which is taking place in Windsor, ON, from August 4 -9. They will be joined by more than 400 other transplant recipients from across the country to promote the success of organ donation and transplantation, and to honour the donors who gave them the gift of life.

The City of Windsor, in partnership with the Canadian Transplant Association (CTA), a registered non-profit organization comprised of transplant recipients, athletes and volunteers, is hosting the 4th National Transplant Games. The CTA is an organization committed to supporting transplant related athletic events, such as the Canadian Transplant Games, and encouraging transplant recipients to maintain a healthy active lifestyle.

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Margaret Benson, a double lung recipient, and veteran of several National and World Transplant Games, speaks of what it means to be part of the games. "The Canadian Transplant Games is such an exciting opportunity for any transplant recipient", says Margaret. "There is an incredible affinity and bond between the athletes and each and every one of us feels lucky to be alive and able to honour our donors by competing at such a meaningful event."

Benson has won many medals in past years, and will be competing in Windsor this year. BC's delegation also includes a heart recipient and two kidney recipients, all from the Lower Mainland.

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For more information, or to arrange an interview with one of the athletes, please contact BC Transplant Communications at 604.877.2240

Organ donation saves lives. Register your decision about organ donation on BC's Organ Donor Registry. Hundreds of British Columbians are waiting. What are you waiting for? Register at www.transplant.bc.ca or call 1.800.663.6189.

Over the past four decades, more than 4,000 British Columbians have received a life-saving organ transplant. The BC Transplant Society is an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority.