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Langley Takes Organ Donation Seriously

LANGLEY — In a collaborative effort—BC Transplant, an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority, Mayors Green and Fassbender, of the Township and City of Langley, joined forces to take organ donation seriously and save lives in the community.

Over 100 Langley residents have received a second chance at life thanks to organ donation, yet 11 Langley residents are still waiting for a life saving organ transplant. 16% of British Columbians have registered their decision on BC's Organ Donor Registry, and 17% of Langley residents have done so. This campaign is looking to make Langley a leader in the lower mainland.

Diane Baker, Langley resident and heart transplant recipient, says, "As a single mother of two, I was determined to stay alive for my kids sake. It's always been me and my kids, and I was not going to leave them alone." To those who have yet to register their decision on the Organ Donor Registry, Baker says, "Please consider becoming a donor and making this one decision that could save a person's life."

A campaign kick-off event was held at the new Langley Events Center on Monday, April 20th in an effort to create a greater awareness of organ donation, and to increase the number of Langley residents registered on BC's Organ Donor Registry. The Township and City of Langley have joined to support BC Transplant's Langley Organ Donor Awareness Campaign, coinciding with National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week (April 19th – 26th).

Refer to page 2 to find out how Langley stacks up against other communities in BC....

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About BC Transplant

BC Transplant (BCT), established in 1986, is a comprehensive health care organization responsible for all aspects of organ transplant in British Columbia, including; pre-transplant assessment, organ recovery and donor matching, follow-up care at regional clinics across the province, research and clinical trials, and public education.

Over the past four decades, more than 4,500 British Columbians have received a life-saving organ transplant.

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ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY COMMUNITY STATS

City	Waiting	Transplanted	Registered	% of pop. registered
ABBOTSFORD	6	127	17,377	14%
BURNABY	12	230	23,131	11%
CAMPBELL RIVER	3	38	7,680	26%
COQUITLAM	9	121	16,234	14%
COURTENAY	1	23	7,932	36%
KELOWNA	5	126	26,352	25%
LANGLEY	11	69	17,575	17%
NEW WEST	6	76	9,331	16%
PRINCE GEORGE	6	95	15,093	21%
RICHMOND	22	186	17,813	10%
SURREY	40	428	44,670	11%
TRAIL	2	15	1,980	27%
VANCOUVER	58	686	83,353	14%
BC NUMBERS	318	4,633	708,115	16%

Last year BC Transplant performed a record number of transplants totaling **266**
 Despite this record, **27** British Columbians died in 2008, while waiting for a life-saving transplant