



AU Health pens dedication for 2023 Donate Life Rose Parade float

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (October 28, 2022) – [Augusta University Health](#) is partnering with [LifeLink® of Georgia](#) to honor and remember those who gave the gift of life through organ and tissue donation. On Jan. 2, 2023, the Donate Life Rose Parade® Float titled, Lifting Each Other Up, will include a dedication garden of roses with handwritten dedications by hospital leaders across the country including [Dr. Phillip Coule](#), Vice President and CMO of AU Health System.

The rose vial signed by Coule will be alongside dedications celebrating transplant recipients and living donors, honoring deceased donors, and thanking individuals and groups who support and take part in the donation and transplantation community.

AU Health's [Carlos and Marguerite Mason Solid Organ Transplant Center](#) is the most comprehensive organ donation program in the area. The hospital performs three times as many organ donations than any other hospital in the surrounding Augusta region, and has the only kidney transplant center in the state outside Atlanta.

"I am proud of AU Health's contributions to organ donation and in performing lifesaving organ transplants," said Coule. "AUMC was recently awarded a Platinum award by Life-Link Georgia and was the first [Blue Distinction Transplant Center of Excellence in Georgia](#). The message sent today for the Donate Life Rose Parade float is a small symbol recognizing the gift of life by those who work to donate and those who work to transplant those organs to give the gift of life."

For the thousands of Georgians listed for a life-saving transplant, organ donation offers hope for a longer life. Anyone can be a potential donor, regardless of age or medical history; a single donor can save or improve the lives of nearly 75 people.

You can register your donation decision [here](#). You may also register when obtaining or renewing a driver license or state identification card at the Georgia Department of Driver Services or when obtaining a hunting or fishing license through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Click [here](#) to view and download photos of the signing.

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AU Health is Georgia's only public academic health center, where world-class clinicians are bringing the medicine of tomorrow to patient care today. As the primary teaching affiliate of the Medical College of Georgia, AU Health provides the most comprehensive routine-to-complex care at AU Medical Center, which houses the region's only Level 1 trauma center, as well as Children's Hospital of Georgia, historic Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation and Specialty Hospitals, Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, and more than 100 primary and specialty care clinics across the state.

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