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Dear Mayor Meghan Lahti,

National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week (NOTDAW) raises awareness about the critical need for more donors across the country. It's an opportunity to recognize those who have donated to save others, celebrate those who have received lifesaving transplants, and inspire Canadians to learn about organ and tissue donation, talk to their families about their decisions, and register their intent to become organ and tissue donors.

Bill C-202, enacting National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week in Canada was passed unanimously by the Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science, and Technology on Feb. 4, 1997. The bill was brought forward by former Liberal Member of Parliament Dan McTeague. **The last full week of April** was chosen to mark the occasion and to commemorate the death of Stuart Herriott, a toddler killed in a motor vehicle incident in McTeague's riding of Pickering-Scarborough East. The parents of two-and-a-half-year-old Herriott donated his organs and, in turn, helped to save and improve the lives of four others.

Our Team at **Live Then Give** is a grassroots foundation spreading awareness of the importance of organ donation and teaming up with like-minded organizations such as Green Shirt Day and The Kidney Foundation of Canada BCY. We are determined to submit proclamation applications all over British Columbia with great determination and we are just getting started.

Live Then Give, along with, the struggling Canadians on the organ donation wait list, would be honored if the City of Port Moody would sponsor an official proclamation to recognize **the last full week of April (April 23-29, 2023)** as **Gift of Life Week** in Port Moody, British Columbia.

Our proclamation would lend official recognition to the important work of educating the public on organ and tissue donation, as well as emphasize your city's commitment to raising awareness about the importance of organ donation registration.

I will follow up with your office regarding this request in the next few days. We appreciate your support of National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week – or as we would like to call – Port Moody's **Gift of Life Week**

If you or your staff have any questions concerning the request, please feel free to call me at [REDACTED] FIPPA s. 22. Thank you for your consideration of this special request.

Sincerely,

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