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### **STATE CHAMPION PHOENIX VA LAUNCHES ANNUAL ORGAN DONATION DRIVE**

PHOENIX – The Phoenix VA Health Care System is proud to announce its participation in the annual Organ Donor Registration Drive. The drive occurs every April to raise awareness for organ and tissue donations and is organized by Donor Network of Arizona.

Every year, thousands of new potential donors are registered and each potential donor can give life and help heal up to 50 lives. Currently, Arizona has over 2 million registered donors and the number grows each year. Right now, over 2,500 men, women and children are awaiting lifesaving surgery which can only be possible with an organ donation.

Sharon Helman, Medical Center Director of the Phoenix VA Health Care System urged Veterans and staff to, “Support Donate Life Month through giving the gift of life by signing up this April to become an Organ and Tissue Donor.” Director Helman lauded the previous two years of 1<sup>st</sup> Place finishes by the facility, “Phoenix VA Volunteers and staff have shown tireless commitment to this noble goal in the past and we plan to continue our support of the Donate Life campaign.”

The Phoenix VA Health Care System is a Joint Commission Accredited, tertiary care facility serving Veterans in Phoenix, Arizona. Phoenix VA Health Care System maintains outpatient clinics located in: Gilbert, Central Phoenix, Payson, Show Low, Globe and Surprise, Arizona. Phoenix VA Health Care System is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services, with state-of-the-art technology and research. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary care, long-term care, and tertiary care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, oncology, dentistry, nutrition, geriatrics and extended care. Phoenix VA Health Care System has 177 hospital beds, 104 Long Term Care beds and 20 Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program beds.

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