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## **15 YEAR OLD HEART RECIPIENT GETS NEW HEART THIS TIME ON HER DRIVERS LICENSE**

**Rockwood, Tennessee** --- Three years ago Jordon Hensley never thought she would be taking a test to get her driver license permit. Thanks to a local families generous gift of a healthy heart~ today that dream is a reality. Jordon had the heart of a stranger and a second chance to be a normal teenager.

Jordon was born with congenitally corrected transposition a condition that means her heart worked backwards after four open heart surgeries she desperately needed a heart transplant to live. At first she was too weak to withstand another surgery but after an infusion of medication she was strong enough to receive a transplant and was placed on the list shortly after. Jordon received her life-saving transplant at Vanderbilt Medical Center Nashville in 2007 and will be forever grateful to a donor that lived only 20 miles away from her home.

"Today marks a significant milestone in Jordon's life" says Lisa Clark, Donate Life Tennessee "We continue to enhance and support individuals, decision to designate themselves as organ and/or tissue donors and improve the chances for those waiting for life-saving and life enhancing transplants. Tennesseans can register to be an organ donor by simply *Checking YES* when applying for, or renewing their driver's license. A small red heart is placed on the driver license, signifying them as an organ donor." Said Clark

As of July 13, 2010 1,437,788 Tennesseans have signed up on the Donate Life Tennessee Organ & Tissue Donor Registry either on line or through the Department of Safety. On average nearly 3,500 people are added each week. While the rate falls far short of nationwide goal to register 50% of each state's licensed drivers, Tennessee's registry is growing quickly. In 2009 Tennessee ranked third in the nation for the fastest growing state donor registries at a rate of 14% annually.

For more information on organ and tissue donation, visit any Tennessee Department of Safety Driver Service Center or via the internet at [www.tndonorregistry.org](http://www.tndonorregistry.org).

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Donate Life Tennessee is a non-profit, state-authorized organ and tissue donor registry, administered by the state's two organ procurement organizations (OPO), responsible for facilitating the donation process in Tennessee: Tennessee Donor Services and Mid-South Transplant Foundation. The Donate Life Registry assures that all personal information is kept confidential and stored in a secure database, accessible only to authorized OPO personnel.

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