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Arapahoe County number one in donor awareness *Arapahoe County employee and transplant recipient to accept award*

Littleton, Colo. – The Donor Awareness Council will honor the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office with two awards for Outstanding Achievement at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27 at the Holiday Inn, 455 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver.

Sally Windham of Motor Vehicle will accept the award on behalf of the Clerk and Recorder's Office. Windham's story is all too common these days with donor recipients. Living with a kidney disease since she was a teenager, Windham became very sick and waited three years to receive a kidney.

"I received my new kidney on May 25, and I can't tell you how well I am feeling," said Sally. "I feel like I have a new lease on life and I am very blessed to have been given a second chance. I feel very proud to work for an organization that values the donor awareness program."

Nancy Doty, Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder and her staff will be recognized for having the highest percent average of people joining the Colorado organ and tissue registry for 2006. The County reached a 67.4 percent level as compared to the 60 percent statewide average. Last year, there were 115 organ donations in Colorado and 52 of those were on the registry.

The office also will be recognized for the number of people who contribute to the fund. About 40 percent of the people using the Clerk and Recorder's Driver's License office contribute to the donor awareness fund. The state average is 23 percent.

The Donor Awareness Council is a nonprofit coalition formed to increase organ and tissue donations through public awareness and education. Everyone who visits a Driver's License office is asked if they would like to be an organ and tissue donor, and if they would like to donate \$1 or more to the donor awareness program.

If interested in becoming an organ donor, please visit www.organdonor.gov.

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