

# THE HONOR WALK: Establishing Your Hospital Policy



## What is an Honor Walk?

Hospital staff are invited to come and silently line the pathway from the Intensive Care Unit to the Operation Room (OR) as the organ donor is transferred to the OR for organ recovery. The team pays their respects to the donor and lends support to the family on their journey. Honor Walks provide families of intended organ donors, as well as the medical care teams, the opportunity to honor the generosity of the donor for sharing the gifts of life.

## Why Hold an Honor Walk?

- To support donor families: It serves as a powerful way to say goodbye and give the donor the hero's sendoff they deserve.
- For hospital staff: The Honor Walk is a symbol of unity and compassion among families, donors, and their care teams. Staff can say goodbye to the patient they've cared for and continue to support the family.
- To promote donation: Sharing the positive impact donation can have on grieving families and encourage others to give the gift of life.

## GET STARTED

- 1 Visit [MyDonationResource.org](https://www.mydonationresource.org) for sample hospital policies, information to provide families and more.
- 2 Contact your LifeSource Hospital Liaison with questions.

## Honor Walk Video Goes Viral

Nurses and doctors lined the hospital hallways and sang "Amazing Grace" as Coralynn, a 1-year-old donor, was pushed toward the surgical unit, with her parents by her side. This honor walk was held in May 2019 at the Mayo Clinic Hospital and touched hearts nationwide.



1,073,143

YouTube views

527,311,237

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