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Bullock County Hospital, Union Springs, AL. – The Alabama Organ Center is proud to honor Bullock County Hospital with the 2016 Gift of Life Award. The Alabama Organ Center recognized 12 Alabama hospitals for their dedication to organ and tissue donation and family care.

1. USA Medical Center
2. Mobile Infirmary Medical Center
3. North Baldwin Infirmary
4. Baptist Medical Center South
5. East Alabama Health Care Authority
6. Bullock County Hospital
7. University of Alabama Hospital
8. DCH Regional Medical Center
9. Princeton Baptist Medical Center
10. Huntsville Hospital
11. Madison Hospital
12. Marshall Medical Center South

The hospitals were selected based on a variety of criteria that demonstrate the hospital's commitment to a successful organ and tissue donation program. The criteria included staff education provided, the presence of a donation committee, donor family recognition, participation in National Donate Life Month activities, donation education offered to the community and other factors. "Without engaged hospital partners, we would not be able to offer the donation opportunity to families and provide organs and tissues for transplant to the thousands of people waiting nationally," states Chris Meeks, Executive Director Alabama Organ Center.

Today, there are over 117,000 men, women and children in the United States on the organ transplant waiting list. Nearly 3,000 of those waiting are in Alabama. Unfortunately, on average 20 people die each day because an organ does not become available in time. The need for organ donors is more critical than ever.

For more information, and to register to be a donor, please visit the Alabama Organ Center's website at www.alabamaorgancenter.org and follow us on Facebook; just search Alabama Organ Center.

About the Alabama Organ Center (AOC)

The AOC is the federally designated, nonprofit, organ procurement organization for the state of Alabama. As such, we coordinate organ and tissue donation for transplantation and research. We are dedicated to working with our healthcare and community partners to support donor families, facilitate donation and provide community education to empower people to take action to become an organ and tissue donor.