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Kidney Transplant Recipients to meet Donors at Saving Lives Gala

New York, NY---June 3, 2003---The Saving Lives Transplant Foundation will hold its fifth annual Saving Lives Gala on the evening of July 15, 2004 at the Park Central New York Hotel. Four kidney transplant recipients will be introduced to the donors who saved their lives. Each year, Saving Lives Transplant Foundation honors its remarkable transplant donors, volunteers and philanthropists who make its life-saving work possible.

Receiving Saving Lives' Lifetime Achievement honor is Kurt M. Hofman, CEO of the LMP Corporation, a leading provider of wholesale and retail telecommunications services. Mr. Hofman became involved with Gift of Life 17 years ago, when a member of his community was in need of a kidney transplant and sponsored a recruitment drive at LMP's headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts.

Other speakers at the gala include Dr. Robert Wegmann, Chief Executive Officer of the New York Trinity Healthcare Systems and Dr. Bruno Seidel, Director General of Providence Health Network in Los Angeles, CA.

Saving Lives Transplant Foundation Director Richard Flemming stated, "This is such a special time of year for us. It's the rare moment when organ recipients can share their gratitude with donors face-to-face, and donors can see how greatly their generosity has affected the recipients who may live thousands of miles away. I suspect there won't be a dry eye in the house."

Event Details:

Please call 1 (800) 346-2201 or visit www.savinglivesfoundation.org for details. Dinner commences at 7:00 p.m., Park Central New York Hotel, 870 Seventh Avenue at 56th Street, New York, NY. Tickets are \$450 per person; please call in advance to reserve tables. Seating is limited.

About Saving Lives Transplant Foundation:

The Saving Lives Transplant Foundation was established in 1971 to help find living kidney transplant donors. In 2001, Saving Lives began to accept lung, liver, and pancreas donations from live donors. Saving Lives Transplant Foundation has recruited over 300,000 donors and facilitated nearly 3,300 transplants since 1971.

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