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**KEVIN O’CONNOR OF BELLEVIEW, WASHINGTON RECEIVES AWARD FROM
ASSOCIATION OF ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS**



From Left to Right: Elling Eidbo, CEO of AOPO; Kevin O’Connor, president and CEO of LifeCenter Northwest; Gina Matarazzo, managing director of Sallop Insurance Agency.

VIENNA, Va. — July 29, 2016 — On Wednesday, June 22, 2016 the [Association of Organ Procurement Organizations](#) (AOPO) recognized Kevin O’Connor, president and chief executive officer of LifeCenter Northwest, by presenting him with the 2016 Nathan Sallop Excellence in Leadership Award. The award, generously sponsored by [Sallop Insurance Agency](#), was presented at the Association’s 33rd Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas.

“Since he began working in the organ donation and transplantation field, Kevin [O’Connor] has been the finest example of servant leadership,” said Jay Campbell, J.D., 2015-2016 AOPO president. Campbell described O’Connor as someone who was always there, could always be counted on, and a trusted advisor.

O'Connor has held multiple positions in OPOs and currently serves as president and chief executive officer of [LifeCenter Northwest](#) in Bellevue, Wash. He remains active within several professional organizations in the Donation and Transplantation Community of Practices, including AOPO, the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), and NATCO, and has served on the boards of Donate Life America and the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation.

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About AOPO

AOPO is a non-profit, national organization representing all federally-designated organ procurement organizations (OPOs). The Association represents and serves OPOs through advocacy, support and the development of activities that will maximize the availability of organs and tissues and enhance the quality, effectiveness and integrity of the donation process.

About OPOs

OPOs are federally-designated non-profit organizations that are responsible for coordinating organ and tissue donation across the United States, bridging the gap between the generous donation of organs and tissues, and the thousands in need of these life-saving and life enhancing gifts. The federal government has designated 58 organizations in the U.S. to oversee the organ donation process. These organizations are the national stewards of the donation, and they work collaboratively with hospitals, medical professionals and their local community to build the programs, the systems and processes needed to make donation possible.