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**BURTON MATTICE OF DALLAS, TEXAS RECEIVES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM
ORGAN DONATION ASSOCIATION**

VIENNA, Va. — July 29, 2016 — On Wednesday June 22, 2016 the [Association of Organ Procurement Organizations](#) recognized the achievements of Burton Mattice of Dallas, Texas by presenting him with the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented at the Association’s 33rd Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed upon an individual employed by an organ procurement organization (OPO) who has made substantial contributions to the goals and ideals of the field of organ, eye and tissue donation over a sustained period of at least two decades, and been in an OPO senior leadership position for a minimum of 10 years. “With close to 40 years of dedicated service in the OPO community, this candidate certainly meets these requirements, and more,” said Elling Eidbo, chief executive officer of AOPPO. “Burt is passionate about his work and committed to saving lives through donation and transplantation.”

Mr. Mattice began working for OPOs in 1980 as manager of organ recovery for the Greater Miami Valley Organ Procurement Organization. He founded the Gift of Life Fund, co-founded the Transplant Recipients International Organization (TRIO) Miami Valley Chapter, and continues to actively serve on the councils and committees of several national organ donation organizations. Mr. Mattice is currently the chief operating officer at [Southwest Transplant Alliance](#) and serves as president of the American Board of Transplant and Certification.

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About AOPPO

AOPPO 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.