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Left to right: Butch Dener, Geraldine Buck, Charles Lyonhart

April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month

Organ donor recipients Butch Dener, Geraldine Buck, and Charles Lyonhart addressed the County Legislature at the Monthly Legislative Meeting on April 7, 2009 to raise awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donations. All three passionately told their life saving stories. Organ transplantation is generally a last resort for patients in the final stages of illness. There are far more people seeking transplants than there are donor organs available. In the United States, more than 75,000 people are on the waiting list for transplants; 1 in 4 will receive them in time to save their lives. Experts say that the organs

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from one donor can save or help as many as 50 people. An enrollment form to register to the New York State Organ and Tissue Donor Registry was handed out to everyone and the final message was to please pass on the gift of life.

Chairman David B. Donaldson asks all of Ulster County to join with him in recognizing the importance of organ and tissue donations.

If you have any questions or are interested in registering, please call the Center for Donation & Transplant at 1-800-256-7811.