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## **Stratford Raises Flag for National Donate Life Month**

*Stratford, Connecticut* - Mayor John A. Harkins announced that Stratford today joined more than 85 Connecticut municipalities, hospitals and organizations promoting organ and tissue donation awareness by flying flags that read "Donation Saves Lives" during April, National Donate Life Month.

Connecticut's flag flying campaign is part of a national initiative, Flags Across America, to honor and celebrate the hundreds of thousands of donors and recipients whose lives have been affected by organ and tissue donation. With more than 116,000 people in America waiting for a transplant, and 1,300 in Connecticut alone, experts agree that the need for donation has never been greater.

"Becoming a donor is one of the most generous decisions a person can make to help others," said Mayor Harkins, in raising the Donate Life Connecticut flag today at Town Hall. He was joined by Stratford resident Christy Langguth, a Donate Life Connecticut volunteer, and her six-year-old daughter, who has been waiting more than eight months for a life-saving liver transplant.

Connecticut residents can register to save lives through organ and tissue donation when renewing their driver's license or by visiting the secure online website, [www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org](http://www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org).

