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Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White, will speak at Memorial Medical Center at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 when the hospital is recognized for exemplary organ donation outcomes.

The Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network will honor Memorial Medical Center for ensuring that all possibilities for organ donation are recognized and supported. Memorial has a 100-percent organ donation rate over three years in which 67 lives have been saved through organ donation and transplantation and 2,424 people have received tissue donation and transplants.

Natalie Sparacio, anchor for NewsChannel 20's Sunrise This Morning and Midday newscasts, will host the event.