

## **IL Secretary of State Jesse White and the Rock River Valley Life Goes On Committee to Dedicate Memorial to Friend and Colleague Vikki Tulcus, Thursday, April 26 at 1:30pm**

*Donate Life Illinois, Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network and Rock River Valley Blood Center to dedicate memorial to friend and colleague at the Ethnic Heritage Museum.*

Rockford, IL ([PRWEB](#)) April 23, 2013 -- Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and the Rock River Valley Life Goes On committee are hosting a ceremony to dedicate a tree and plaque in memory of Vikki Tulcus and others who have died waiting for a matching organ donor. Vikki worked for the IL Secretary of State's Organ Donor Program but sadly lost her own life waiting for a kidney. She was featured in several TV and radio campaigns. Her colleagues and former boss, IL Secretary of State, Jesse White are honoring her on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 1:30 P.M. at the Ethnic Heritage Museum, 1129 South Main Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101.

A reception hosted by the Ethnic Heritage Museum's Polish Gallery honoring Vikki's heritage will immediately follow the ceremony.

To see more about Vikki's story, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5tGBWPaKSI>.

April is National Donate Life Month. Organizations will be working together to promote organ and tissue donor awareness throughout the state. Currently there are more than five million people registered to become organ/tissue donors in Illinois, however, more than 300 people die each year waiting for an organ transplant.

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