



ENGLISHTOWN, N.J. – Following its tagline ‘A Spark of Hope,’ the Andrea Pedregon Charity Foundation (APCF) is making a monetary contribution in honor of Heather Anne Aurora to the NJ Sharing Network Foundation, the philanthropic arm of NJ Sharing Network, the non-profit organization responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue for nearly 5,000 New Jerseyans awaiting life-saving transplants. Aurora died at the age of 21 when she was struck as a pedestrian crossing a street.

Aurora’s parents, Scott and Sharon Krampetz have followed NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing for 32 years. Scott Krampetz had been a long-time fan of Tony Pedregon, which led Aurora to contribute to the APCF’s first event. Pedregon was working with Locks of Love, and Aurora cut her hair to make a wig for cancer victims. Andrea Pedregon met up with the Krampetz family at the fall Las Vegas race.

“That very moment that Sharon and I hugged we shared the loss of Heather. Through the tears we also reflected on several lives she saved,” said Pedregon. “I am honored to recognize Heather this Saturday with a memorial dedication. She was truly an inspiration who kept on giving.”

Aurora was an organ donor, and her kidneys, heart valves, corneal tissue, and skin were donated to organ and tissue recipients to give people a chance to regain life as they once had it. The presentation of the monetary gift will take place at Aurora’s home track, Englishtown, on Saturday, June 2nd at 2 pm.

“Although Ms. Aurora is no longer with us, she was able to give the gift of life to others through the miracle of organ and tissue donation,” said Elisse Glennon, executive director of the NJ Sharing Network Foundation. “Ms. Aurora’s final act of kindness is proof that good can come from any tragedy.”

More lives could be saved if people repeated Ms. Aurora’s courageous act and registered as an organ donor. Doing so would give more hope to the 114,000 people currently awaiting a life-saving organ transplant in the United States.

Glennon added: “The Andrea Pedregon Charity Foundation’s contribution made in honor of Ms. Aurora is a fitting tribute to a special person and allows the NJ Sharing Network Foundation to continue public education initiatives that aim to encourage individuals to register as an organ donor. NJ Sharing Network is honored to accept this gift from the Andrea Pedregon Charity Foundation.”

This is the first donation the APCF has made this year. On June 6th, the organization will donate a considerable amount to the Indiana University Center for Radiation & Oncology to help further research for children’s cancer. The day will be declared Henry’s Day. Henry Mullett is a six-year-old friend of Tony and Andrea Pedregon’s oldest son, Dezi, who is suffering from brain cancer.

The APCF would like to thank Englishtown Raceway Park for their support in preparing for this memorial dedication.

About Andrea Pedregon Charity Foundation:

The Andrea Pedregon Charity Foundation (APCF) was founded by Andrea Pedregon (wife of two-time NHRA champion Tony Pedregon) in 2010. The foundation is a compassionate non-profit organization making a sincere difference to those who are affected by unfortunate circumstance, through volunteer commitment, financial generosity and beneficial awareness. APCF, Inc. (also known as “A Spark of Hope”) is best known for its NHRA themed calendars. The 2011 edition raised \$40,000 for Melanoma Research. The 2012 edition, the Real Families of NHRA, has raised an unannounced amount for Children’s Cancer Research. For more information on the APCF, go to www.andreapedregon.com or apcf.tonypedregon.com .

About NJ Sharing Network Foundation & NJ Sharing Network:

NJ Sharing Network Foundation is committed to supporting the work of NJ Sharing Network and to increasing the number of lives saved through education, research, and public awareness about the benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. NJ Sharing Network is a non-profit, federally designated organization responsible for the recovery and placement of

donated organs and tissue for New Jersey residents in need of life-saving transplants. NJ Sharing Network is celebrating 25 years of saving lives through organ and tissue donation in 2012. For information about donation and transplantation in NJ, contact us at 1-800-742-7365 or info@sharenj.org