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NEWARK RESIDENT EZEQUIEL GARCIA APPOINTED TO FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT NJ SHARING NETWORK

NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ – NJ Sharing Network recently made strategic appointments to its Foundation Board of Trustees to further fulfill the organization’s mission of saving lives through organ and tissue donation. Ezequiel Garcia, whose son Reinaldo passed away in 2011 and became a tissue donor, now joins the Foundation Board of Trustees. Garcia and his wife, Iris, are both volunteers of NJ Sharing Network and are passionate advocates of the organization’s mission.

Garcia moved to New Jersey from Puerto Rico in 1971 where he worked in the Newark Public School System for 26 years and further worked as an adjunct professor and supervisor at Kean University. He is also heavily involved with community organizations and served as president of the Committee for the Handicapped Children in Puerto Rico for over 10 years, past president of HOGAR CREA of USA, and is currently serving as president of the NJ Chapter of HOGAR CREA.

In addition, Garcia ran a family business he founded for 17 years that is now managed by his sons.

The Foundation Board of Trustees at NJ Sharing Network continues to create strategic initiatives to support the Foundation’s mission of increasing the number of lives saved through innovative transplant research, family support, education and public awareness about organ

and tissue donation. It is comprised of a diverse group of individuals from both public and private sectors who have been touched by donation, including donor families and transplant recipients.

“Ezequiel is a dedicated volunteer and holds a true passion for organ and tissue donation. He exemplifies our mission on a daily basis and we welcome him to the Foundation Board,” said Elisse Glennon Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of NJ Sharing Network and Executive Director of the Foundation. “His extensive professional background and skills enable him to assist our organization in invaluable ways.”

Garcia received his Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Puerto Rico University and Master’s Degree in Education from Rutgers University.

To date, there are over 120,000 people waiting for a transplant and 22 die each day while waiting, but one organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 people. In New Jersey, there are over 4,000 people on the waiting list – 189 in Newark alone - and one person dies every three days waiting.

New Jersey residents can help save lives by registering as organ and tissue donors at www.NJSharingNetwork.org, having a conversation with family and friends and joining NJ Sharing Network at its upcoming events.

About NJ Sharing Network

NJ Sharing Network saves lives through organ and tissue donation. Located in New Providence, the organization recovers organs and tissue and belongs to a national network that helps the 120,000 people waiting for a transplant. In 2016, more lives were saved than ever before. Thanks to the selflessness of New Jersey organ donors and their families who said yes to donation, 613 people are alive today. This year, the organization is celebrating 30 years of saving lives.