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MICHAEL HEDDEN APPOINTED CHAIR OF NJ SHARING NETWORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ – NJ Sharing Network, the non-profit organization responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue for nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents awaiting life-saving transplants, announced that Michael Hedden has been named Chairman of the organization’s Board of Trustees. This appointment follows a steady progression of Hedden’s contributions to the Board, advancing from Board member to Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairman and now Chairman, over the course of seven years.

Hedden, a third-generation international real estate expert, first learned of NJ Sharing Network when he was asked by a longtime supporter of the organization to do a valuation of its facility. He met Joe Roth, President and CEO of NJ Sharing Network and others on the leadership team, and saw first hand their commitment to the nonprofit’s extraordinary mission: saving lives through organ and tissue donation.

“Since the day Mike became a Board member, he has brought tremendous business acumen to our discussions and efforts,” said Roth. “He is the type of individual any organization would want to lead its board: smart, caring, reliable and committed.”

“I have supported many causes over the years, but none as meaningful as organ and tissue donation. To be part of the life-saving work NJ Sharing Network does is as awe-inspiring today as the first day I learned about the organization,” said Hedden.

Hedden attended University of Bridgeport where he earned his Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration. He earned his Master's in City Regional Planning from The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy of Rutgers University. He lives in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, with Joan, his wife of 41 years. They have four children.

In 2018, 678 life-saving transplants were made possible, 537 from deceased donors and an additional 141 from living donors. Today, there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents awaiting a life-saving transplant. Every day, approximately three people are added to the New Jersey waiting list, and one person dies every three days while waiting for a transplant. One organ donor can save eight lives, and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 people. New Jersey residents can help save lives by registering as organ and tissue donors, having a conversation with family and friends and getting involved at www.NJSharingNetwork.org.

About NJ Sharing Network

Dedicated to saving lives through organ and tissue donation, NJ Sharing Network is the non-profit organization responsible for the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissue for the nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents waiting for a life-saving transplant, and is also part of the national recovery system, serving the 115,000 people on the national waiting list. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization has been selected by NJBiz as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for the second consecutive year. In 2020, the Transplant Games of America are coming to NJ with more than 12,000 people expected to attend this biennial multi-sport festival recognizing the success of donation and transplantation and honoring the generosity of donors and their families. 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.