

Kentucky, Cincinnati donor affiliates merging as Network for Hope

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FRANKFORT – Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates, Inc. (KODA) announced a merger with Cincinnati-based LifeCenter Organ Donor Network (LifeCenter) and will now be known as Network for Hope (NFH).

Officials with both organizations say this historic union marks a significant milestone in the field of organ donation, pooling together the resources, expertise,

and dedication of two leading organizations to amplify their impact and save more lives.

The decision to merge and re-brand as Network for Hope stems from a shared vision of enhancing organ donation advocacy and support services throughout Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia. By combining forces, the newly formed Network for Hope will be better positioned to serve more donors, their families, and transplant recipients with compassion, efficiency, and

innovation.

Julie Bergin, President and CEO of KODA, stated, “The new brand represents a strategic alignment of values, missions, and resources to expand the mission in our local communities. Both KODA and LifeCenter have long-standing legacies of excellence in organ donation advocacy and procurement. This merger will leverage our collective strengths to expand access to life-saving transplants, increase donor registrations, and

foster a culture of donation awareness and support.”

As Network for Hope, the merged organization will continue to prioritize a commitment to honoring the gift of life, empowering communities to make educated decisions about donation, and providing unwavering support to those touched by the gift of organ donation.

“With the unveiling of Network for Hope, we are embracing a strategic move that fully embodies our collabora-

tive efforts to enhance the reach and effectiveness of organ and tissue donation,” said Barry Massa, Executive Director of LifeCenter.

The two groups listed the benefits of the merger:

—Integrated & Enhanced Resources: NFH’s combined operations will improve efficiency and increase the number of donated organs and tissues available for transplantation.

—Expanded Reach: Serving nearly 7 million people across 136 coun-

ties in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia, NFH will be able to utilize best practices to impact an even larger community.

—Increased Access: With connections to 164 hospitals and six transplant centers, NFH will facilitate critical organ, eye, and tissue donations more efficiently.

Network for Hope intends to begin operations under its new name this October, when KODA and LifeCenter anticipate completing their merger.

Speaker

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ing, Private First Class Forsee was assigned to Marine Combat Training, Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Geiger, North Carolina.

Upon graduation, Private First Class Forsee was reassigned to Aviation Structures and Hydraulics Mechanic Course in Pensacola, Florida. After completion, he was then transferred to the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Marine

Unit at Cherry Point, North Carolina, to complete training at the AV-8B Airframes Organizational Maintenance Course.

On July 16, 2004, Lance Corporal Forsee graduated, and was transferred to Marine Attack Training Squadron 203, Marine Aircraft Group 14, 2D Marine Aircraft Wing at Cherry Point, North Carolina. During his tour in the Airframes Division, he served as a Collateral Duty Inspector, Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative, Desk Sergeant,

Corrosion Control Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge and Airframes Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge. During his assignment, he won Marine of the Quarter in 2005, attended Corporals Course at Cherry Point, North Carolina in 2006. In 2008 he attended Sergeant’s Course at the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Academy located at Camp Geiger, North Carolina, where he received honors from the President of Marine Corps University.

On July 7, 2008, Sergeant Forsee was transferred to Basic Recruiter’s Course at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, as a student. Upon completion he was assigned as a Recruiter with Recruiting Sub-Station Xenia, Ohio, Recruiting Station Charleston, West Virginia, Forth Marine Corps District. During his tour as a Recruiter he served as

the Assistant Staff Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge. During his assignment on Recruiting Duty he was promoted to Staff Sergeant and received the award of Marine Recruiter of the Month, for April 2011.

On 13 November 2011, Staff Sergeant Forsee was transferred to Marine Attack Squadron 231, Marine Aircraft Group 14, 2D Marine Aircraft Wing at Cherry Point, North Carolina. During his assignment, Staff Sergeant Forsee deployed in support of NATO operations during Operation Enduring Freedom 12.2-13.1 from September 2012 to May 2013. On September 2, 2014, Staff Sergeant Forsee detached from Marine Attack Squadron 231, and temporarily assigned to Marine Medium Tilt Rotor Squadron 365 in support of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, until July 16, 2015.

On August 1, 2015, Staff Sergeant Forsee was promoted to his present rank of Gunnery and deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve to Isa Air Base, Bahrain in September 2016. During his tour with Marine Attack Squadron 231 he served as Airframes Staff Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge, Substance Abuse Control Officer, Command Financial Specialist and Quality Assurance Representative, and Airframes Division Chief. In August of 2018, Gunnery Sergeant Forsee reported to MAWTS-1 and was assigned duties as the Ground Safety Officer. While at MAWTS-1 GySgt Forsee took part in six Weapons and Tactics Instructor Courses. In April of 2019 GySgt Forsee attended the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Academy’s Advanced School located at Camp Pendle-

ton, California where he received Distinguished Graduate Honors. Gunnery Sergeant Forsee was promoted to his current rank of Master Sergeant in February 2021 and received orders to 4th MAW New Orleans, Louisiana, where he served as a Maintenance Assessment Team inspector until his retirement in 2023. He is currently the Senior Marine Instructor at

Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington Jr./Sr. High School’s Marine Corps Reserve Officer Training Corps.

His personal awards consist of, The Meritorious Service Medal, The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and The Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Master Sergeant Forsee is married to the former Jessica Marie Young. They have two children: Devin (16), and Paige (13).

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Graduates

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grew up so fast. In my head, time was moving so slowly. You would think I’d realize it today, standing on this stage, but no, it was actually when I found out that the kids I tutor at the Boys and Girls Club were born after the first Frozen came out. I cried real tears.”

She discussed all of the things the class has accomplished together over the years.

“We have uplifted each other, we’ve helped each other and been shoulders to cry on,” she said. “We’ve won each battle together. It makes me think of our school motto ‘Together We Win’. Some of us may have been in this class since Kindergarten, some have joined

over the years and in one case, someone traveled thousands of miles from another country to be here. No matter what, we will win together.”

Wright said the students would walk across the stage as equals and go into the world, forging their own paths.

“It is sad to think that we will no longer be together,” she said. “Now, we are left to do adult things. No more avoiding

each other in the grocery stores. Now, we have to stop and have adult conversations. I just cringe thinking about it. We will now be like our parents, no longer stalking each other on SnapChat, but now on Facebook.”

Wright ended her speech with a quote by Kesha about remembering the good old days.

After the speeches, diplomas were presented to the graduating class.

MAYSVILLE 5-DAY FORECAST

MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
60	81	83	85 66	81 66	74 59	76 59
Partly sunny, very warm and humid	Partly sunny, very warm and humid	A moonlit sky	Warm with clouds and sun	Breezy; a strong afternoon t-storm	A morning t-storm; cloudy, humid	A strong morning t-storm in spots

ALMANAC

Statistics for Saturday
Temperature (in °F)
High/low 81/59
Normal high/low 75/54
Record high 94 in 1962
Record low 35 in 1973
Precipitation (in inches)
Saturday 0.00
Month to date 4.41
Normal month to date 2.81
Year to date 19.95
Normal year to date 18.10

UV INDEX TODAY

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.
2 5 9 9 5 2
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme.

AIR QUALITY

46 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous.
Source: Airnow.gov

SUN AND MOON

Today **Tue.**
Sunrise 6:19 a.m. 6:18 a.m.
Sunset 8:45 p.m. 8:46 p.m.
Moonrise 6:10 p.m. 7:13 p.m.
Moonset 4:34 a.m. 4:57 a.m.
Full **Last** **New** **First**
 May 23 **May 30** **Jun 6** **Jun 14**

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: How close is lightning if 5 seconds elapse before the thunder is heard?

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today’s weather. Temperatures are today’s highs and tonight’s lows.



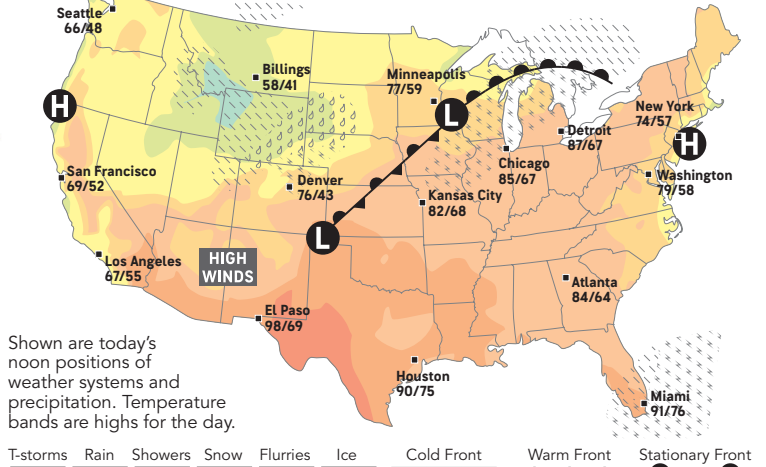
RIVER LEVELS

	Flood Stage	7 a.m. Sun.	24-hr chg.
Ohio River			
Lloyd Greenup Lock	54	12.55	-0.53
Portsmouth	50	22.51	+1.28
Maysville	50	34.86	+0.07
Meldahl Dam	51	20.88	+0.22
Cincinnati	52	29.25	+0.58
Licking River			
Cave Run Farmers	--	3.72	+0.05
Blue Licks Spring	25	8.31	-0.60
McKinneysburg	33	7.74	-1.63

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NATIONAL FORECAST

Shown are today’s noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



City	Today Hi Lo W	Tue. Hi Lo W	City	Today Hi Lo W	Tue. Hi Lo W
Anchorage	54 43 s	50 41 r	Miami	91 76 t	88 77 t
Atlanta	84 64 pc	84 66 pc	Milwaukee	80 62 t	76 61 t
Atlanta City	62 51 f	67 55 pc	Minneapolis	77 59 t	73 53 r
Baltimore	77 56 pc	81 57 s	Nashville	87 65 pc	89 69 pc
Boise	66 42 s	70 49 pc	New Orleans	89 73 pc	88 74 pc
Boston	62 54 pc	81 63 s	New York	74 57 pc	82 65 s
Buffalo	83 66 s	84 67 pc	Oklahoma City	88 72 pc	86 62 t
Charleston, SC	81 62 pc	82 63 s	Omaha	83 68 t	80 53 r
Charlotte	81 59 pc	84 60 pc	Orlando	89 69 t	87 68 t
Chicago	85 67 t	87 65 t	Philadelphia	76 55 pc	82 58 pc
Cleveland	88 66 pc	88 69 pc	Phoenix	91 67 pc	94 69 s
Dallas	90 73 s	88 75 pc	Pittsburgh	86 62 s	88 64 pc
Denver	76 43 t	57 38 t	Portland, ME	64 49 s	74 61 pc
Detroit	87 67 t	86 69 t	Portland, OR	70 49 pc	57 51 sh
Hartford	81 54 pc	89 62 pc	Providence	69 51 pc	78 58 sh
Honolulu	83 73 pc	84 73 pc	Sacramento	84 51 t	86 54 s
Houston	90 75 s	90 76 sh	St. Louis	88 71 t	91 68 pc
Indianapolis	87 67 s	87 71 c	Salt Lake City	64 48 t	64 49 pc
Jackson, MS	89 68 s	90 69 pc	San Diego	66 58 pc	66 58 pc
Kansas City	82 68 t	85 55 t	San Francisco	69 52 s	72 53 pc
Las Vegas	89 70 pc	88 67 s	Seattle	66 48 pc	57 45 r
Little Rock	91 69 s	91 72 pc	Tampa	91 73 s	92 72 s
Los Angeles	67 55 pc	71 56 pc	Washington, DC	79 58 pc	81 60 pc
Memphis	87 70 pc	90 71 pc	Wichita	86 70 s	94 55 t

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.