



# *Clear Perspectives*

The monthly newsletter from Beauty of Sight

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**This holiday season, you can make a difference in our South Florida community and worldwide.**

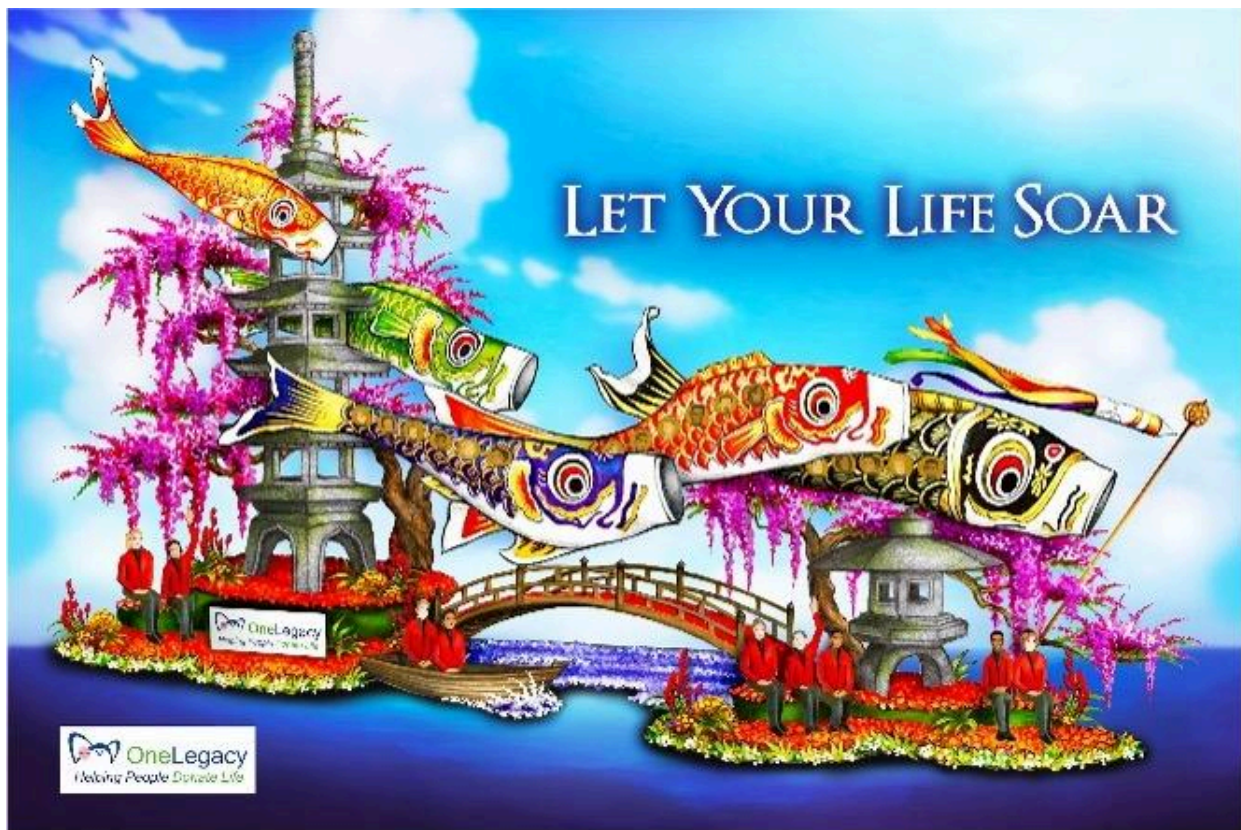


**This holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek ways to improve the lives of those around us. Your contribution can give someone like Jessica the beauty of sight.**

***You can donate online using the button below. For tax purposes, your gift must be received by December 31st.***

**YOUR GIFT TODAY**

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## **Celebrate the Gift of Sight with the OneLegacy Donate Life Rose Parade Float**

For the past 22 years, OneLegacy's Donate Life Rose Parade float has inspired people worldwide to save and heal lives with the powerful message of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

The 2025 Donate Life Rose Parade float will participate in the 136th Rose Parade on New Year's Day, 2025, in Pasadena, California. The float features a vibrant scene inspired by the beloved Japanese celebration of **Children's Day**. Organ, eye, and tissue recipients will ride on the float, sharing their gratitude for their donors' lifesaving and life-enhancing gifts. Living donors will walk alongside the float, showcasing the incredible impact of living donation.

### **Let Your Life Soar**

This year's float theme, "Let Your Life Soar," will captivate viewers with its design, including a garden of flowering trees, a bridge, stone lanterns, and koi fish-shaped windsock.

The float will also highlight:

- **Floragraphs:** The scales of the koi fish will feature floral portraits, or "floragraphs", of 26 deceased donors, 7 of whom gave the gift of sight.
- **Living Donors:** 4 living donors will walk alongside the float.
- **Recipients:** 12 recipients will ride on the float, including one cornea recipient, Jessica Horton (read her inspiring story below).

As the world's most visible campaign, the OneLegacy Donate Life Rose Parade float inspires millions of viewers to consider how they can save and heal lives. Hundreds of thousands of people need organ, eye, and tissue transplants each year, and the Donate Life Rose Parade float continues to be a beacon of hope and awareness.

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## Jessica Horton: A Journey of Hope and Gratitude

Jessica's parents noticed her eyes were cloudy at just six weeks old. She was diagnosed with Congenital Glaucoma, a condition that severely limited her sight. At age 21, Jessica's left eye was removed after losing vision, followed by a prosthesis implant. Despite predictions of complete blindness, she retained vision in her right eye into her twenties. Jessica's determination never wavered—she attended college and became a Respiratory Therapist at a busy trauma center.



A few days before her 31st birthday, Jessica received life-changing news: she was a candidate for a cornea transplant. Moved to tears, she embraced the possibility of seeing again. This extraordinary gift of sight transformed her life completely.



### Honor the Gift of Donation with a Rose Dedication

A meaningful element of the **Donate Life Float** is the **Rose Dedication Garden**. This unique garden provides an opportunity to honor donors, families, recipients, transplant candidates, and the healthcare heroes who make transplants possible. Each rose in the garden carries a personalized message of love, hope, and remembrance, inspiring millions of viewers nationwide to save lives through donations.

Dedicated roses are placed in vials inscribed with unique, heartfelt messages. Together, these roses create the Dedication Garden – a beautiful and meaningful design element on the OneLegacy Donate Life Float each year.

Rose dedication packages start as low as \$20, making it accessible for everyone to participate. By dedicating a rose, you can honor and celebrate the incredible generosity of donors and their families while raising awareness of the life-saving impact of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

We invite all touched by donations to participate in this beautiful tradition. Let's unite to honor those given the gift of sight and life.

**[Click here to dedicate a rose today.](#)**

*Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy holiday season and a prosperous New Year!*



## We would love to share your story

If you are the recipient of a cornea or have a story of a donor that you would like to share, please let us know. Email [ddfrcisco@med.miami.edu](mailto:ddfrcisco@med.miami.edu) or use the QR code



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