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# Honoring local heroes campaign pays tribute to organ donors and transplant recipients at Tennessee Driver Service Centers across state

FRANKLIN, Tenn. June 28, 2024 – Donate Life Tennessee, Tennessee Donor Services and Mid-South Transplant kicked off their Honoring Local Heroes collaboration with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security by installing plaques recognizing local organ and tissue donors and recipients at the Franklin Driver Services Center.

Over the next few months Honoring Local Heroes tribute plaques will be installed at Driver Services Centers across Tennessee. Each display will celebrate the legacy of local organ and tissue donor heroes and highlight the profound and ongoing impact their lifesaving gifts have had on

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Driver Services examiners are on the front lines of registering donors in Tennessee. Nearly all Tennesseans who are registered organ and tissue donors do so while applying for or renewing their Driver License or ID.

"We honor donor heroes and their families whose selfless generosity saves lives, and we're grateful for our partnership with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security's Driver Services Division. Their support has been vital to our mission to save and improve lives through organ, eye and tissue donation," said Jill Grandas, Executive Director for Tennessee Donor Services.

Kim Van Frank, Executive Director, Mid-South Transplant Foundation added, "We also thank the staff of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security's Driver Services Division. Their dedication and hard work by asking the donation question to their customers every day saves lives, restores sight, heals burns and enhances thousands of Tennesseans."



Every day in the U.S., approximately 110 lives are saved through donation and transplantation, yet more than 100,000 men, women, and children await their lifesaving organ transplant.

To register as an organ, eye and tissue donor, visit [DonateLifeTN.org](http://DonateLifeTN.org).

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## Remembering the Gift and Giver ...

*Organ Donor William Michael Cherry Jr.'s immediate family (L to R) Adelynn, Tricia and Will Cherry remember their loved one on this special day*

*All photos: Courtesy of TN Dept. of Safety and Homeland Security*

*(L to R) Timothy Gregory, Director of Driver Services; Thomas Perry, Tennessee Donor Services Social Media Coordinator; Emily McKinley, Emily McKinley, Tennessee Donor Services Director of External Affairs & Business Development; Dawn Benjamin, Tennessee Donor Services Senior External Affairs Coordinator; Grace Thompson, Tennessee Donor Services External Affairs Coordinator; Commissioner Jeff Long, Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security*

*(L to R) Timothy Gregory, Director of Driver Services; Meharry Medical College Students working with Donate Life Tennessee; Commissioner Jeff Long, Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security*

## Coach Mulrooney announces 2024 Tigers soccer schedule

MEMPHIS, Tenn. July 1, 2024 – Head men's soccer coach Richard Mulrooney and staff have announced the upcoming 2024 schedule that includes a closed exhibition against Kentucky as well as matchups with previous ranked foes and last season's NCAA First Round opponent, SIUE.

"We are very pleased with how well our schedule came together and the experiences we will gain from it," Mulrooney said. "We are playing six teams who qualified for last season's NCAA tournament in the regular season in addition to other high-quality opponents. I feel this type of schedule will prepare us for a challenging conference slate as well as gives us a chance to make another NCAA tournament."

The Tigers, who open preseason with a closed exhibition against Kentucky in Nashville, will stay on their home field for the majority of August with two other preseason tune-ups before opening the season against Lipscomb on the 22nd. In that same week, Memphis will play host to Evansville and Northern Illinois.

Memphis will get one last home match in on September 1 against Central Arkansas before hitting the road to Mercer and Georgia State. The Tigers will come back to the Track & Soccer Complex on September 12 with an NCAA First Round rematch against the Cougars of SIUE. Memphis will finish its non-conference slate at Belmont and against Missouri State in October.

### The Tigers begin AAC play at Tulsa on September 20.

### 2024 Memphis Men's Soccer Schedule

Aug. 10	Kentucky*
Aug. 13	Meridian^
Aug. 17	AUM^
Aug. 22	Lipscomb
Aug. 25	Evansville
Aug. 29	Northern Illinois
Sept. 1	Central Arkansas
Sept. 5	at Mercer
Sept. 8	at Georgia State
Sept. 12	SIUE
Sept. 20	at Tulsa*
Sept. 28	UAB*
Oct. 1	at Belmont
Oct. 5	Charlotte*
Oct. 12	at Temple*
Oct. 15	Missouri State
Oct. 18	at South Florida*
Oct. 26	Florida Atlantic*
Nov. 1	at Florida International*
Nov. 8-16	AAC Championship

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Soccer, visit [www.GoTigersGo.com](http://www.GoTigersGo.com) and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

*Japan's Taku Ito wins the TNT Fireworks Bassmaster Elite at Smith Lake with a total weight of 58 pounds even. See sports-Ent. page 5.*