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ROYAL TREATMENT

Chaka Fattah Jr.
lays out the red carpet.

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Campaign to raise awareness of the need for tissue donations

NDRI, a Philadelphia organization that provides human biomaterials to research scientists, has launched a national campaign to raise awareness about tissue donations.

"Most people think you can donate tissue or organs to science only after death, but the truth is that each of us has the power to impact science during our lifetime," said **Lee Ducat**, founder and president of NDRI. "Human tissue — whether healthy or diseased — is precious to researchers developing cures for nearly every disease imaginable."

The campaign will let people know they can donate tissue when planning surgery or at the birth of a child. These tissues, which Ducat said would otherwise be discarded, are urgently needed by researchers developing therapies and cures for diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and HIV/AIDS along with other rare diseases.

"We believe that once Americans know that they have the power to make a difference by donating to science in their lifetime, they will support tissue donation in significant numbers," Ducat said.

Individuals interested in donating tissue can call NDRI's hotline at 1-877-221-NDRI or visit the organization Web site www.ndriresource.org.



HEALTH CARE

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NDRI, a nonprofit was founded in 1980. The organization is funded in part by the National Institutes of Health. It has provided an estimated 5,000 scientists with more than 200,000 human biomaterials used in more than 2,500 research papers.

Making rounds

The **Living Independently for Elders (LIFE)** program opened its new facility at 45th and Chestnut streets in West Philadelphia. The LIFE program is a community outreach service of the **University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing**. It provides nursing home-level day care — including medical, dental and personal-grooming services and social activities — for more than 300 frail elderly residents ... **PresbyHomes & Services** is now called **Presby's Inspired Life**. The Lafayette Hill nonprofit runs 23 continuing-care and senior-housing communities, serving more than 2,300 residents across the region.

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