

Lakeview Regional Medical Center, Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency-LOPA and Southern Eye Bank hosted a flag raising & butterfly release ceremony on April 30th. The *Donate Life* flag raising is a way for hospitals throughout the state of Louisiana to help raise awareness for the critical need for donors and to honor those heroes who have given the gift of life through organ, eye and tissue donation. The Lakeview Regional choir, which is composed of hospital staff, also sang the event. "Organ donations save and heal lives every day, but it can only happen when someone makes the important decision to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor," said Hiral Patel, Lakeview Regional CEO. "This flag raising will bring awareness to the community, reminding us that the gift of life can be part of our legacy, making an undeniable difference in someone's life."

