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**HEART RECIPIENT TO ATTEND CHORAL
PERFORMANCE OF “THE HEART
WITHIN”, A POEM WRITTEN BY HER
ORGAN DONOR**

**EAST CHAPEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL TO PERFORM SONG
BASED ON POEM WRITTEN BY ORGAN DONOR CHLOE
COLEMAN**

Durham, NC – Chicago resident and heart recipient Melissa Simon will be in North Carolina to attend The East Chapel Hill High School choral performance of “The Heart Within.” “The Heart Within” is a poem written by Chloe Coleman, Simon’s organ donor, a couple years before her death. On May 20th, heart recipient and donor family will come together to watch this performance.

In 2007, after enduring 13 years of heart disease, Melissa received a new heart from 14-year-old organ donor Chloe Coleman. Chloe’s heart saved Melissa’s life. Melissa’s trip to North Carolina for the performance of “The Heart Within” will constitute her second meeting with her donor family.

There are currently over 107,000 Americans awaiting a life saving organ transplant. One organ, eye and tissue donor can save or enhance the lives of over 50 people. On average, 18 patients die every day in the US waiting for a donated organ.

About Carolina Donor Services

Carolina Donor Services is the federally-designated, non-profit organ and tissue donation organization serving 6.1 million people in 78 counties of North Carolina and Danville, Virginia. Carolina Donor

Services maximizes the passing of the heroic gift of life from one human being to another through organ and tissue donation. In North Carolina, over 3,000 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant, and nationally, over 106,000 people are on the organ waiting list. For more information, visit www.carolinadonorservices.org; call 1-800-200-2672 or write 3621 Lyckan Parkway, Durham, NC 27707.

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