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January 30, 2007 Marks MTF's 20th Anniversary

(Edison, NJ)—Happy 20th Birthday MTF. MTF was incorporated on January 30, 1987 by orthopedic surgeons to increase the availability of quality tissue for transplantation through a commitment to excellence in education, research, recovery and care for recipients, donors and their families.

Since its inception, MTF has recovered tissue from 60,000 donors and has distributed over 3 million grafts. These grafts have included bone, tendons, cartilage, skin and heart valves. Musculoskeletal tissue replaces bones, tendons and cartilage lost to cancer, severe trauma, degenerative joint disease and arthritis. Bone transplants can prevent amputation or multiple surgeries, while skin can save the loves of burn victims. Heart valves replace those damaged by disease or deformity.

MTF's structure also allows for a focus on research, development and education by supporting projects, institutions, and outreach efforts designed to improve patients' lives. In 20 years, MTF has awarded over \$15 million in research grants.

“Looking back, the last 20 years have concentrated on safety, quality and availability of tissue; establishing the highest standards in recovery and distribution; and supporting research,” said MTF President and CEO, Bruce Stroever. “The future will hold even more progress and partners in developing new technologies to improve the lives of patients of all ages.”

MTF is headquartered in Edison, NJ with additional facilities located in Jessup, Pennsylvania; Eagan, Minnesota and Costa Mesa, California. MTF has a network of over 70 academic and recovery partner affiliates throughout the U.S.

To find out how to become a tissue, organ or eye donor in your state, visit www.donatelife.net