

# The Governor's Office of Community Service

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## The Threshold of Life

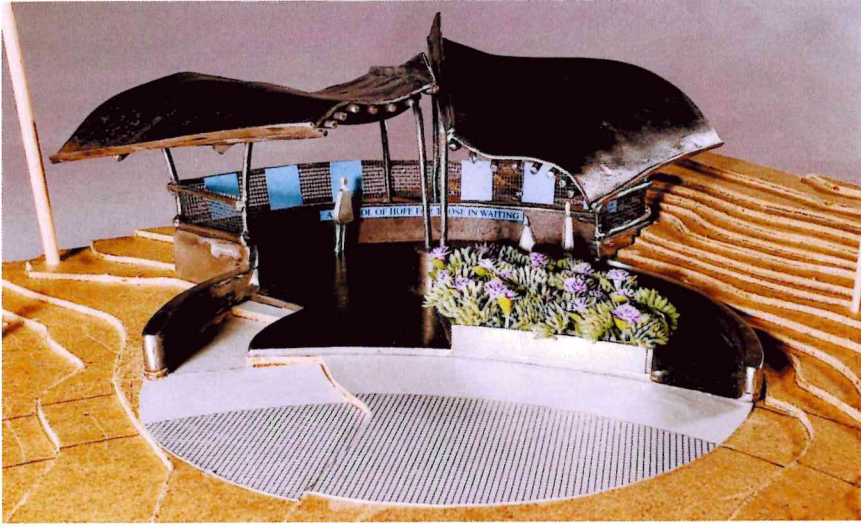


Photo: *The Threshold of Life* model by architect, Ken VanDeWalle

Every April since 2014, in honor of Donate Life month, the Governor's Office of Community Service, in partnership with LifeCenter Northwest, recognizes Montanans who gave the ultimate gift of organ donation. In the past, families of organ donors received the opportunity to engrave a leaf with their loved ones name and have it adorn the Tree of Life; a sculpture by artist Jim Dolan.

To create a sustainable reflection space for donor families, the Governor's Office of Community Service received approval for an outdoor memorial on the Capitol grounds. *The Threshold of Life* design, by Bozeman-based architect Ken VanDeWalle, considers the sloping topography of the Capitol Park area and creates an intentional space for all visitors. The design is an inclusive memorial to honor past, present, and future individuals and families impacted by organ donation. This new addition to the Capitol Complex will serve as a symbol of hope and honor generations of Montanans for years to come.

*"A symbol of hope for those who are waiting"*

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**196** people in Montana are waiting for an organ transplant.

Every **9** minutes another person is added to the transplant waiting list.

Each donor can save **8** lives and enhance over 75 more.

