



CryoLife, Inc. Receives Tissue From 100,000th Donor, Marking Industry Milestone

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ATLANTA, Jan. 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- CryoLife, Inc. (NYSE: CRY), announced today that it achieved an industry milestone when it received tissue from its 100,000th individual donor. The tissue, received January 14, 2009 came from a Kansas-based organ and tissue procurement organization.

Since 1984, through the generosity of donor families and with the support of the organ and tissue procurement organizations, CryoLife has been able to provide more than 160,000 cryopreserved tissues for transplant.

More than 40 percent of the cardiac tissue preserved by CryoLife is implanted into children for whom the availability of cryopreserved allograft tissue can provide the best chance for a normal, active lifestyle. In addition, cryopreserved allograft vascular tissues have enabled patients with impaired circulatory systems to avoid lower limb amputations.

"It has been very gratifying to be able to provide life-saving and life-enhancing tissues to so many patients over the years," said Steven G. Anderson, president and CEO of CryoLife, "However, none of our work would be possible without the generosity of donors and their families who give so selflessly at a time of personal tragedy. We are grateful to the many people who register as organ and tissue donors. Their kindness is awe-inspiring."

CryoLife encourages everyone to support their local organ or tissue procurement organizations and health care professionals in their efforts to provide increased awareness of organ and tissue donation options. For additional information about organ donation, contact your local organ or tissue procurement organization or the American Association of Tissue Banks at www.aatb.org.

About CryoLife

Founded in 1984, CryoLife, Inc. is a leader in the processing and distribution of implantable living human tissues for use in cardiac and vascular surgeries throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Company has received FDA clearance for the CryoValve(R) SG pulmonary human heart valve, processed using CryoLife's proprietary SynerGraft(R) Technology. The Company's BioGlue(R) Surgical Adhesive is FDA approved as an adjunct to sutures and staples for use in adult patients in open surgical repair of large vessels. BioGlue is also CE marked in the European Community and approved in Canada and Australia for use in soft tissue repair. CryoLife distributes Hemostase MPH, a hemostatic agent, in much of the U.S. for use in cardiac and vascular surgery and in the United Kingdom, Germany, France, and Canada for cardiac, vascular, and general surgery, subject to certain exclusions. The Company also distributes the CryoLife-O'Brien(R) Stentless Porcine Aortic Bioprosthesis, which is CE marked for distribution within the European Community.

For additional information about the Company, visit CryoLife's Web Site: <http://www.cryolife.com>.

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