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## Smithfield Foods Donates \$75,000 to Fund Life-Saving Technology

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 02, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Smithfield Foundation, the philanthropic arm of [Smithfield Foods, Inc.](#), is pleased to announce a \$75,000 donation to the [United Network for Organ Sharing \(UNOS\)](#) to fund a proof-of-concept phase for its Timely Donor Referrals technology pilot. The donation is a result of a successful challenge grant announced in March, through which Smithfield has matched dollar-for-dollar all donations to UNOS to help meet its goal.

"We're thrilled to be able to advance the proof of concept for this project, which could help change the lives of so many," said Brian Shepard, chief executive officer of UNOS. "Smithfield's gift made this possible by inspiring others to participate."

UNOS is the national organ transplant system that matches donated organs to the more than 100,000 men, women, and children awaiting life-saving transplants. The Timely Donor Referrals technology project's goal is to improve the manual processes by which staff in donor hospitals notify organ procurement organizations (OPO) about potential organ donors. With Smithfield's gift, the pilot project will begin to build and test technology to integrate with electronic medical record (EMR) systems used by the nation's health systems. The end result could be a quicker, more secure, and reliable exchange of highly time-sensitive information between the donor hospitals and OPOs. This project seeks to exponentially increase the number of lifesaving organs available for transplant.

Over the next few months UNOS will collaborate with a team of key partners, including [Cerner](#), a national provider of electronic health information technology to hospitals and health systems, the [Gift of Life Michigan](#) (an OPO), and [StatLine](#), a technology provider to OPOs. Together, the team will identify, develop, and test solutions, as well as analyze the cost benefits and expense for a national implementation of this solution. The targeted completion of the proof of concept phase is December 2018.

"Smithfield's contribution to UNOS is just one of several ways we are investing in the innovation, improvement and advancement of the medical industry," said Keira Lombardo, senior vice president of corporate affairs for Smithfield Foods and president of the Smithfield Foundation. "We believe the life-saving benefits of this pilot program have the potential to create a positive and progressive impact across the country."

In addition to this gift, Smithfield also supports advances in medical technology through [Smithfield Bioscience](#), its business unit focused on supporting a range of biotechnology solutions in areas of human therapeutics, tissue fabrication, and regenerative medicine.

The Smithfield Foundation's challenge grant provides the needed funding to begin developing this UNOS technology. However, a project of this magnitude requires continued support and dedication from individuals, corporations, and foundations. Those interested in making a philanthropic investment in this project can make a gift [online](#). For more information about UNOS, please visit [UNOS.org](#).

### About Smithfield Foods

Smithfield Foods is a \$15 billion global food company and the world's largest pork processor and hog producer. In the United States, the company is also the leader in numerous packaged meats categories with popular brands including Smithfield®, Eckrich®, Nathan's Famous®, Farmland®, Armour®, Farmer John®, Kretschmar®, John Morrell®, Cook's®, Gwaltney®, Carando®, Margherita®, Curly's®, Healthy Ones®, Morliny®, Krakus® and Berlinki®. Smithfield Foods is committed to providing good food in a responsible way and maintains robust animal care, community involvement, employee safety, environmental and food safety and quality programs. For more information, visit [www.smithfieldfoods.com](http://www.smithfieldfoods.com), and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

### About Smithfield Bioscience

Smithfield Bioscience is a strategic platform of Smithfield Foods, a \$15 billion global food company and the world's largest pork processor and hog producer. Established in 2017, Smithfield Bioscience leverages byproducts from the meat production process for the development of pharmaceuticals, regenerative medicine, nutraceuticals, and medical device solutions. Smithfield leads the industry in developing these types of cutting

edge initiatives, which support a range of biotechnology solutions in areas of human therapeutics, tissue fabrication and regenerative medicine. For more information, visit [www.smithfieldbioscience.com](http://www.smithfieldbioscience.com).

#### About UNOS

UNOS serves as the nation's organ transplant system, providing vital services to meet the needs of men, women and children awaiting lifesaving organ transplants. Based in Richmond, Va., UNOS is a private, nonprofit IRS-designated 501(c)(3) organization. UNOS members encompass every transplant hospital, tissue-matching laboratory, and organ procurement organization in the United States, as well as voluntary health and professional societies, ethicists, transplant patients, and organ donor advocates. For more information, visit [UNOS.org](http://unos.org).

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