

# Brooks

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Fund officially became the Joshua Brooks Living Memorial Association with June and Rick Brooks as the board of directors.

"We chose to support the families financially and emotionally and we provide basic information for families with literature pamphlets and with the assistance of full-scale organ donor educational programs," said Brooks. "The National Association is the

Children's Transplant Association and through them we've supported and assisted over 30 families so far."

Brooks commented that they have had support from crisis support groups, including the Death and Dying Support Group, the Chronically Ill Support Group and many others.

"Primarily at first, we worked with the liver transport and the children associated with it," said Brooks. "Then it expanded to the kidneys and the bone marrow. These are the three main organs that are needed for transport operations."

Other needed donations include blood donations, especially for those persons with rare blood types, eye donations, skin donations for severely burned victims and other vital organ donations. (The eyes of Josh Brooks were donated at the request of June and Rick Brooks.) An organ donor should talk with his family and physician to express the sincerity of committing oneself to becoming a donor. There is no binding rule if the family may not consent or in the case that the donor changes his decision.

To become an organ donor a

person must be 18 years of age and must sign the donor card in the presence of two witnesses indicating which organ(s) are to be donated.

Said Brooks, "People have to die healthy and have to be of the same age or approximately by the age of the recipient in order for it to be a really good match. And that's very difficult for children because there's not very many families who

choose to become donors themselves, much less their children"

"Statistics have shown that there is a growing need for transplants because many people's immunity systems are shutting down," concluded Brooks. "This can happen to you or someone you know and love. For Rick and I, it's a matter of reality."

# Alexander to speak

Dr. E. Curtis Alexander, a practicing clinical educational anthropologist, will deliver a lecture under sponsorship of the Black Cultural Society of Elon College at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Whitley Auditorium.

Topic for Alexander's lecture will be "African Historical Religions: A Conceptual and Ethical Foundation for Western Religion."

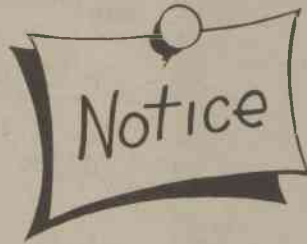
Alexander specializes in the study of pedagogical and human resources concerns of Africans and African Americans.

He is a diplomat of the International Institute of Community Service of Cambridge, England. Most of his career has been spent in the field of higher education. He has taught at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the Antioch Graduate School of Education, William Paterson College of New Jersey and North Carolina A & T State University.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Norfolk State University and graduate degrees from Teachers College at Columbia University. He has done study and research at the University of Ghana, Rutgers University, Union Theological Seminary, University of Dar Es Salaam, Makerere University in Uganda and Bank Street Graduate School of Education.

Shawn Coker, president of the Black Cultural Society of Elon said, "Today, blacks all over the United States look forward to the celebration of Black History Month to commemorate those blacks who significantly aided American society. This occasion is sometimes celebrated in the form of church programs, national conventions, community programs, college activities, television programs, and several other ways."

"The purpose of most of the programs is to educate the total American population about the portion of our society which is too often overlooked," said Coker. "Some of the blacks who are discussed are familiar, while others are unfamiliar. This is where the education comes



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