



Be a light to those who are waiting

100,000+ people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants, and hundreds of thousands more are in need of corneal and tissue transplants.

Deceased Donation



Organ
Save up to
8
lives

Eye
Restore sight to
2
people

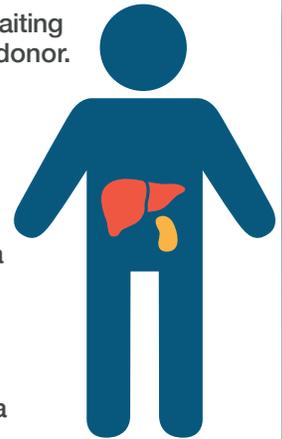
Tissue
Heal more than
75
people

Living Donation

3-5 years is the average waiting time for a kidney from a deceased donor.



85% of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.



Living donors can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver to a waiting patient.*

**Living donation is not included in your deceased donor registration.*

More than **39,000** organ transplants from 18,300 donors gave new life to patients in 2020.

More than **66,000** corneas were provided for sight restoring transplants in 2020.

58,000 tissue donors provide lifesaving and healing tissue for transplant each year.

? Top 5 Frequently Asked Questions

Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

No. Doctors work hard to save the patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is organ donation an option.

Will I be able to have an open casket funeral if I donate?

An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors.

Does my religion support organ, eye and tissue donation?

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

Does my social or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ?

A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on many factors, including: blood type, body size, how sick they are, distance from donor hospital and time on the list. Race, income, gender, celebrity and social status are never considered.

Why register your decision to be a donor?

You can save up to 8 lives and heal more than 75 people. Your registration also relieves your family of the burden of making the decision at a time of sadness and grief.

What can I do to increase organ, eye and tissue donation?

1 Register your decision to be a donor at RegisterMe.org.

2 Tell your family and friends about your decision to *Donate Life*.

3 Ask others to visit DonateLife.net to learn more and register.