

National Month

Donate LifeSM is the national symbol for the cause of organ, eye and tissue donation.

National Donate Life Month is celebrated every April. It features local and national activities to educate and encourage Americans to register as donors and consider living donation, as well as to celebrate those who have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation.



BLUE & GREEN DAY is April 10!

The public is encouraged to wear blue and green to help share the Donate Life message.

Did You Know?

60% of organ, eye and tissue donors are authorized by donor registration.

National Pediatric Transplant Week



The final week of April focuses on the powerful message of ending the pediatric transplant waiting list.

More than **2,200** children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list.

More than **1,874** children were saved by the generosity of donors & donor families in 2025.

The Need is Great

More than **100,000** people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.



More than **49,000** organ transplants from 23,788 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2025.

More than **85,900** corneal transplants helped to restore sight.



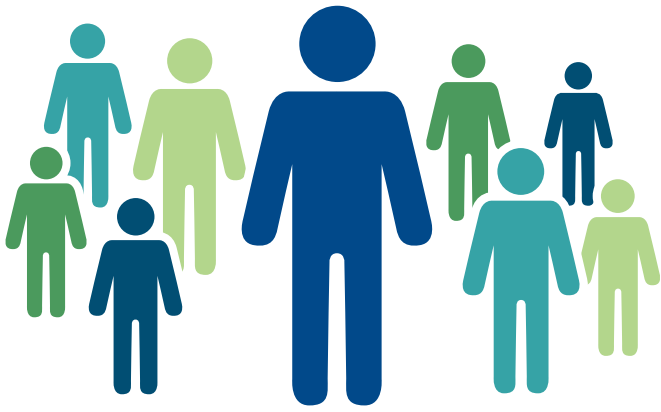
Yes

More than **170 million** people are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.

Register your decision anytime at [RegisterMe.org](https://www.RegisterMe.org).

Thank you to all donors, donor families, registered donors and champions of the Donate Life cause!

Deceased Donation



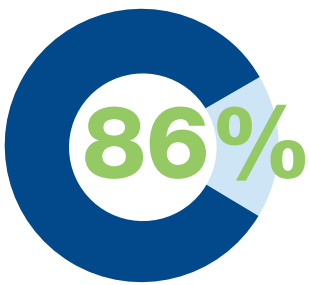
1 Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor

Saves up to
8
lives

Restores sight to
2
people

Heals the lives of more than
75
people

Living Donation



86% 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 donor registration.

Did You Know?

The liver is the only organ that grows back! The donated part of the liver regrows in 4 months.

Learn more at DonateLife.net



Top Frequently Asked Questions

Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

Your life always comes first. It is important to know that the hospital care team does not know the patient's donor status. Doctors work hard to save every patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and permanent loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is donation an option.

Does donation affect funeral plans?

Funeral arrangements of your choice are possible, including a viewing. Through the entire donation process the body is treated with care and respect. Following donation, funeral arrangements can continue as planned.

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 and/or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ if I ever need one?

No. A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, donor distance, tissue type and time on the list. Race, gender, income, celebrity and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression does NOT prevent someone from registering as an organ donor.

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 community about your decision to *Donate Life*.
- 3 Visit DonateLife.net to discover ways you can be a champion of the cause.
- 4 Ask others to visit DonateLife.net to learn more and register.