



NATIONAL MONTH



Donate Life 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.

**National Donate Life
BLUE & GREEN DAY
is April 22!**

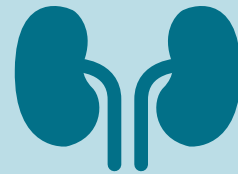
The public is encouraged to wear blue and green to help share the Donate Life message.

The Need is Great

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

Did You Know?

55%+ of organ, eye and tissue donors are authorized by registries.



More than **41,000** organ transplants from 20,300 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2021.

National Pediatric Transplant Week — April 24-30, 2022



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

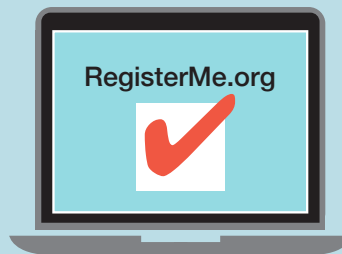
More than **1,900** children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list.

More than **1,890** children were saved by the generosity of donors & donor families in 2021.

More than **85,600** corneal transplants help to restore sight each year.



More than **2.5 million** tissue transplants heal lives each year.



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

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

Deceased Donation

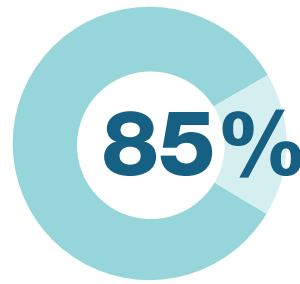


Organ
Save
up to
8
lives

Eye
Restore
sight to
2
people

Tissue
Heal the lives
of more than
75
people

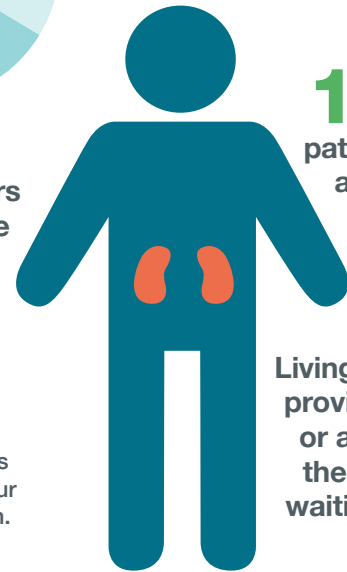
Living Donation



of patients waiting are
in need of a kidney.

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

*Living donation is
not included in your
donor registration.



11% of
patients waiting
are in need
of a liver.

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



Top 5 Frequently Asked Questions

Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

No, your life always comes first. Doctors work hard to save every 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 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.

Why Register to be a Donor?

One donor can save up to 8 lives, restore sight to 2 people through cornea donation, and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation.

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

1

Register your
decision to be
a donor at
[RegisterMe.org](https://www.registerme.org).

2

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

3

Visit [DonateLife.net](https://www.donatelife.net)
to discover ways you
can be a champion
of the cause.

4

Ask others to visit
[DonateLife.net](https://www.donatelife.net)
to learn more
and register.