



## National Donate Life Month – April 2018 *Donation and Transplantation Statistics*

- In 2016, more than **33,600** transplants brought renewed life to patients and their families and communities (*from 9,900 deceased and 5,900 living donors*).
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- More than **116,000** men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants.
  - About **58%** of patients awaiting lifesaving transplants are minorities.
  - Another person is added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list **every 10 minutes**.
  - Sadly, **8,000** people die each year (**22** people each day — almost **one person each hour**) because the organs they need are not donated in time.
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- **80%** of patients on the waiting list are waiting for a kidney. The average waiting time for a kidney from a deceased donor is **3 to 5 years**. A kidney from a living donor offers patients an alternative to years of dialysis and time on the national transplant waiting list (the living donor's remaining kidney will enlarge, doing the work of two healthy kidneys).
  - **12%** of patients waiting are in need of a liver. **Living donation of part of the liver** can help these patients (the remaining portion of the donor liver will regenerate and regain full function).
  - Nearly **one-third** of all deceased donors are age **50 or older**; more than **7%** are age **65 or older**.
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- Each year, there are approximately **30,000** tissue donors and more than **1.75 million** tissue transplants; the surgical need for donated tissue is steadily rising.
  - A single tissue donor can help more than **75** people.
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- **48,000** patients have their sight restored through corneal transplants each year.
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- More than **138 million** people, approximately **56%** of the U.S. adult population, are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.\*
  - To register your decision to save and heal lives, visit [RegisterMe.org](http://RegisterMe.org). To learn more about organ, eye, tissue and living donation, visit [DonateLife.net](http://DonateLife.net).

\* Living donation is not included in a donor registration.

*Data from the Donate Life America Quarterly Donor Designation Report and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) as of January 1, 2018.*