



Multicultural Communities in Donation and Transplantation

ECHO Donate Life is July 14-27, 2019.

ECHO Donate Life is an annual initiative focused on making the Donate Life message one of diversity and inclusion. Use the power of your voice to help others and foster community by sharing your decision to register with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

Encourage them to *ECHO* you and *Donate Life*.

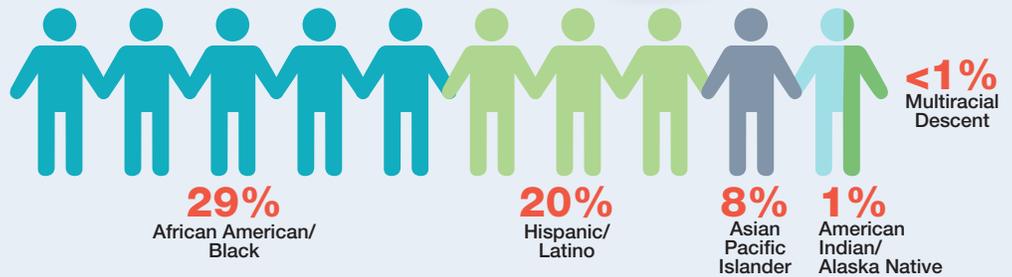
Did You Know?

Transplants can be successful regardless of the ethnicity of the donor and recipient. However, the chance of longer-term survival may be greater if the donor and recipient are closely matched in terms of their shared genetic background.

110,000+

men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants.

Nearly **60%** of the national transplant waiting list are from multicultural communities.



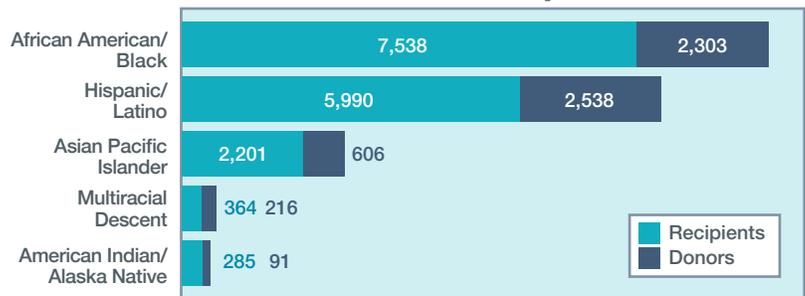
36,500

transplants from

17,600

donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2018.

2018 Multicultural Recipients & Donors



Thank you to all donors, donor families, registered donors and champions of the Donate Life cause. Support across multicultural communities contributed to a milestone year of lives saved and healed!

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

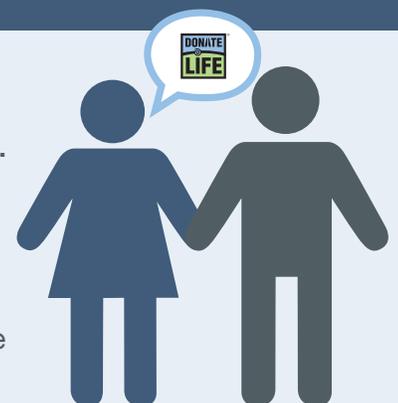


Register your decision to be a donor at **RegisterMe.org**.

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

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

Visit **DonateLife.net/ECHO** for downloadable materials and ideas on how to ECHO Donate Life in your community.

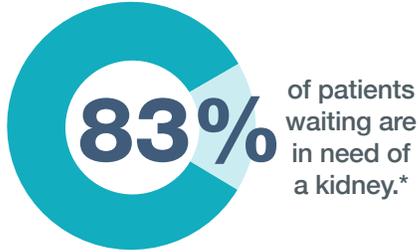


The Need is Great

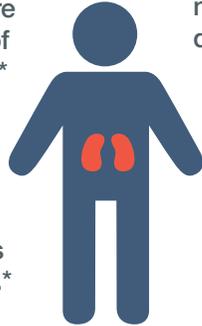
Every **10** minutes another person is added to the waiting list.



22 people die each day because the organs they need are not donated in time.



12% of patients waiting are in need of a liver.*



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

*Living donation is an option for these patients. It is not included in your donor registration.

1 Donor



Can save up to **8** lives

Restore sight to **2** people

Heal the lives of more than **75** people

More than **84,000** corneal transplants help to restore sight each year.

More than **1.75** million tissue transplants heal lives 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 the lives of more than 75 people. Your registration serves as a symbol of hope to patients waiting, and sharing it with your family lets them know your decision.

To register your decision to save and heal lives, visit RegisterMe.org.

To learn more about organ, eye and tissue donation, visit DonateLife.net.

For more information on multicultural communities and donation, please visit AMAT1.org.