



# BE A SYMBOL OF HOPE FOR THOSE WHO ARE WAITING.

**100,000+** men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants, and hundreds of thousands more are in need of corneal and tissue transplants.

## Deceased Donation



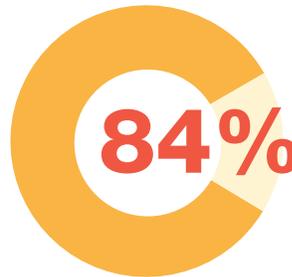
**Organ**  
Save up to  
**8**  
lives

**Eye**  
Restore sight to  
**2**  
people

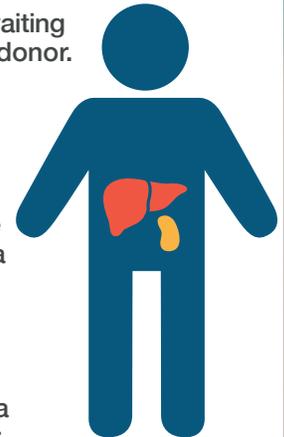
**Tissue**  
Heal more than  
**75**  
people

## Living Donation

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



84% 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.*

**39,700** organ transplants from 19,300 donors gave new life to patients in 2019.

**85,000** donated corneas are provided for sight-restoring transplants each year.

**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](http://RegisterMe.org).

**2**

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

**3**

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