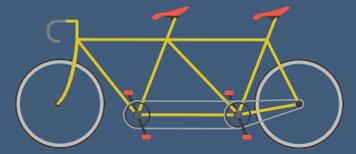




# National Donate Life Month



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

## Celebrate National Donate Life Blue & Green Day on April 12!

The public is encouraged to wear blue and green Donate Life colors and hold events to promote donation.

## The Need is Great

More than **100,000** men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants.

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.

### Did You Know?

50% of organ, eye and tissue donors are authorized by registries.



More than **36,500** organ transplants from 17,500 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2018.



More than **145.5 million** people are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.

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



More than **1.75 million** tissue transplants heal lives each year.

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

## National Pediatric Transplant Week — April 22-26, 2019

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



Nearly **2,000** children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list.

More than **500** of the children awaiting transplant are between the one and five years old.

More than **1,900** children received transplants in 2018.

## Deceased Donation

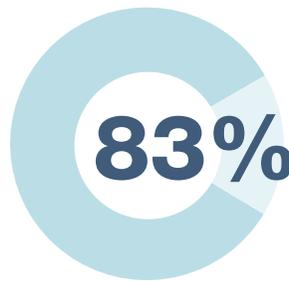


Can save up to **8** lives

Restore sight to **2** people

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

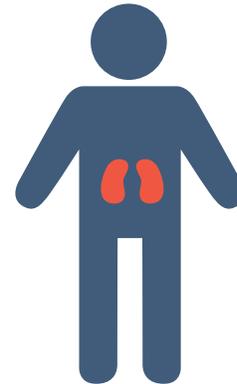
## Living Donation



of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.

**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 donors can provide a kidney or a portion of their intestine, liver, lung or pancreas to a waiting patient.\*

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



## Top 5 Frequently Asked Questions

### Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

No, 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.

### 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 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.

## 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** Visit [DonateLife.net](http://DonateLife.net) to discover ways you can be a champion of the cause.

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