

Multicultural Communities in Donation and Transplantation

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.



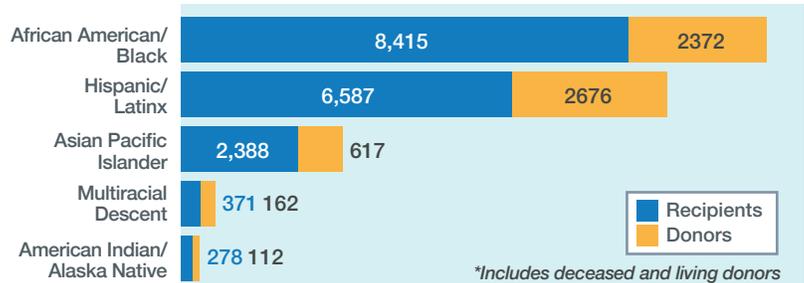
100,000+ people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.

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



More than **39,000** organ transplants from **18,300** donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2020.

2020 Multicultural Organ Recipients & Donors*



More than **66,000** corneas were provided for sight restoring transplants in 2020.



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

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?



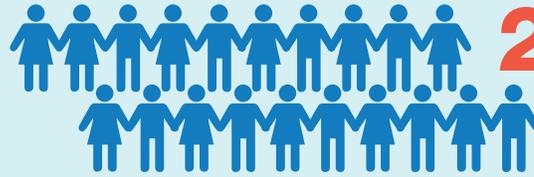
Register your decision to be a donor at [RegisterMe.org](https://www.registerme.org).

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

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

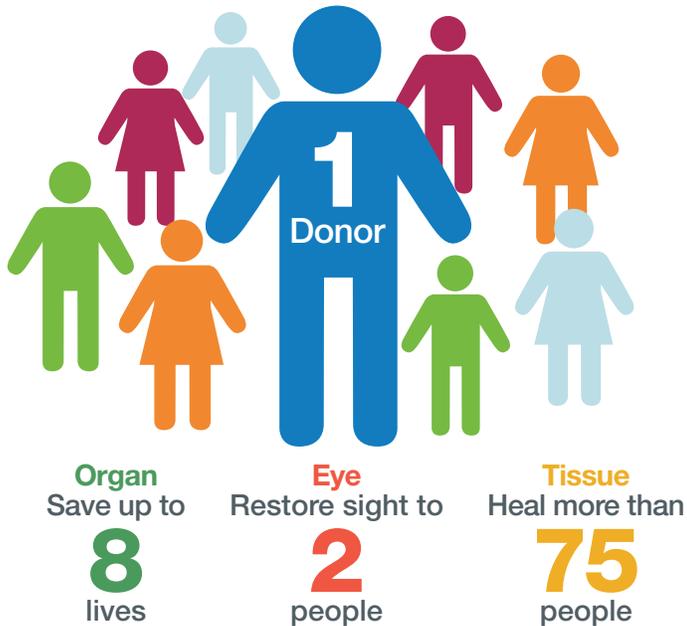
The Need is Great

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



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

Deceased Donation



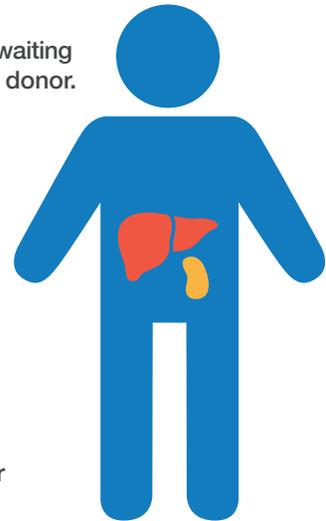
Living Donation

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



85% 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.*



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.