



# NATIONAL MONTH



Donate Life is the national symbol for the cause of organ, eye and tissue donation.

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

**National Donate Life  
BLUE & GREEN DAY  
is April 14!**

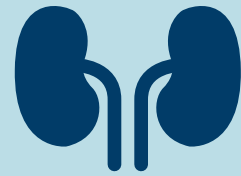
The public is encouraged to wear blue and green to help share the Donate Life message.

## The Need is Great

More than **100,000** people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.

### Did You Know?

**55%+** of organ, eye and tissue donors are authorized by registries.



More than **42,000** organ transplants from 21,300 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2022.

## National Pediatric Transplant Week — April 23-29, 2023



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

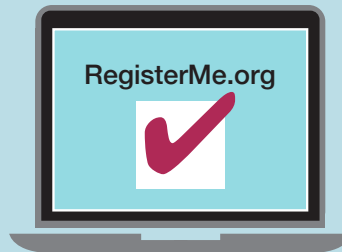
More than **1,900** children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list.

More than **1,700** children were saved by the generosity of donors & donor families in 2022.

More than **85,600** corneal transplants help to restore sight each year.



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



More than **170 million** people are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.

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

## Deceased Donation

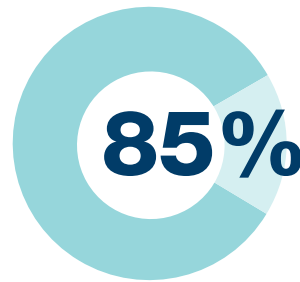


**Organ**  
Save up to  
**8**  
lives

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

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

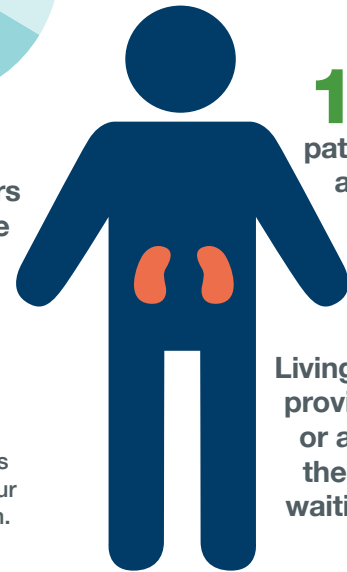
## Living Donation



of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.

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

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



**11%** of patients waiting are in need of a liver.

Living donors can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver to a waiting patient.\*



## Top 5 Frequently Asked Questions

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

No, your life always comes first. 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.

### Does donation affect funeral plans?

Funeral arrangements of your choice are possible, including a viewing. Through the entire donation process the body is treated with care and respect. Following donation, funeral arrangements can continue as planned.

### 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 and/or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ if I ever need one?

No. A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, donor distance, tissue type and time on the list. Race, gender, income, celebrity and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression does NOT prevent someone from registering as an organ donor.

### Why Register to be a Donor?

One donor can save up to 8 lives, restore sight to 2 people through cornea donation, and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation.

## What can I do to increase organ, eye and tissue donation?

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

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

**3** Visit [DonateLife.net](https://www.donatelife.net) to discover ways you can be a champion of the cause.

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