

Funding innovative research in support of donation & transplantation

Introduction

Gift of Life Donor Program (GLDP) is the federally designated non-for-profit organization responsible for coordinating organ and tissue donation and transplantation in the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and the State of Delaware. GLDP has served the region for over 41 years and is the most active of 58 organ procurement organizations in the United States. GLDP has coordinated the recovery and allocation of more than 40,000 organs and hundreds of thousands of tissues for transplant since 1974. GLDP is also the primary source for organ and tissue donor information in the region and conducts hundreds of community and professional education programs each year.

GLDP was established in 1974 in order to improve the efficiency of recovering and sharing kidneys to its constituents in the 41 state areas of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. It has expanded its services and the transplant programs it supports over the past 40 years. It currently supports 15 transplant centers with 43 organ-specific programs in which nearly 5,000 patients receive life-saving transplants. GLDP partners with more than 150 acute care hospitals in the region in coordinating recovery of the "gift of life."

In 1998, Gift of Life Donor Program's Board of Directors established the Transplant Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization which supports the mission of GLDP, including education, research and services to donor families and recipients. The Foundation is the steward for broad-based programming and initiatives including the Gift of Life Institute, National Transplant Pregnancy Registry, the Debt for Donor Awareness, the Delaware Debt, Team Philadelphia, and has also facilitated the strategic development and operations of Gift of Life Family House, along with numerous other scientific, medical and community-based activities.