

# HOPE | ADVOCACY | PASSION

## NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH | APRIL 1 – APRIL 30, 2023

*The following talking points will help you spread a message of hope, advocacy, and passion through your interactions with others. The more you know about organ, tissue, and cornea donation, the more you can share with others.*

### HOPE

- More than 5,000 people in our region are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.
- Nationally, more than 100,000 people are awaiting an organ transplant.
- Thousands of others could benefit from life-enhancing tissue transplants.
- Someone is added to the organ transplant list every 10 minutes.
- With more than 100,000 people waiting nationally, kidneys are the organ in greatest demand, followed by liver, heart, and lungs.
- Anyone can be a potential donor regardless of age, race, or medical history.

### ADVOCACY

- It takes less than a minute to sign up to become a donor. Visit [www.donors1.org](http://www.donors1.org) to register.
- Organs are matched according to medical urgency, time on the transplant list, blood type, height and weight.

### PASSION

- One organ donor can save up to eight lives.
- One person who donates organs, tissues, and corneas can help more than 100 others.
- All major religions in the United States support organ donation and see it as the final act of love and generosity toward others.

