



Organ and Tissue Donation Facts

• **Lives Are at Stake**

- More than **100,000** children and adults across the U.S. need an organ transplant to survive.
 - Each day, **17** people die waiting for an organ transplant.
 - Every **8** minutes, another person is added to the waitlist.
- There are about **5,000** people of all ages who need a life-saving organ transplant in our region.

• **Power of Organ & Tissue Donation**

- The power of just one donor is extraordinary:
 - 1 organ-donor can save up to **8** lives and 1 tissue-donor can transform the lives of about **100** others.
- 1 organ donor can donate their kidneys, pancreas, liver, lungs, heart and intestines.
- Tissue donation includes bone to repair fractures and prevent amputations, skin to heal burn patients and for reconstructive surgery for breast cancer patients, and heart valves to repair life-threatening defects. Tissue donors can also donate their corneas, providing the gift of sight to two recipients.

• **Gift of Life Donor Program**

- Works 24/7 to coordinate the recovery of precious organs and tissues from deceased donor heroes to save and transform lives.
- Serves 11.3 million people across the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware.
- Works in partnership with **126** acute care hospitals and **12** transplant centers in its region as well as hundreds of transplant centers throughout the country.
- Provides the most comprehensive array of services of any CPO in the U.S. to the donation and transplantation community.
- Has coordinated more than **56,000** organs for transplant and more than **two million** tissue transplants – **the most of any U.S. organ procurement organization (CPO)** – since it was founded in 1974.
- Has coordinated 14,196 donors and 39,469 organs for transplant – more than any other U.S. CPO – since the inception of our national donation system in 1986.
 - **Organ donors** – coordinated life-saving gifts from 693 organ donors in 2023.