

# GIVING LIFE a SECOND CHANCE

Every day, the dedicated team at *Gift of Life Donor Program* works around the clock to coordinate the recovery of precious organs and tissues from deceased donor heroes for life-saving transplants. We are the nonprofit organ procurement organization serving the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. Since 1974, *Gift of Life* has coordinated thousands of organs and millions of tissue donations for transplants thanks to the generosity of donors and their families. We also educate our community about the importance of organ and tissue donation to increase donor registrations and save more lives.

## **SUPPORTING**

**Transplant Patients and Donor Families** 

**FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES** • *Gift of Life* provides support and counseling to families of donor heroes following the loss of their loved one. We also assist donor families and transplant recipients with writing to each other and coordinate the delivery of that correspondence.

**GIFT OF LIFE HOWIE'S HOUSE** • This haven of comfort, hope and healing provides affordable lodging, home-cooked meals and professional supportive services to patients and their families who travel to Philadelphia for a life-saving transplant.

**CAREGIVER LIFELINE PROGRAM** • This program provides virtual support groups and educational webinars tailored for organ transplant patients, family members, and caregivers to help at every stage of the transplant journey.

#### TRANSPLANT PREGNANCY REGISTRY

**INTERNATIONAL** • TPRI has been the world's only family planning resource for organ transplant recipients and their doctors for more than 30 years, studying the effects of immunosuppressive medications on fertility and pregnancy.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** • Educational scholarships are available to transplant recipients through the Jessica Beth Schwartz Scholarship Fund and to children of deceased donor heroes through the David Nelson Jr. Memorial Fund.

For more information about the services listed above, please scan or visit **donors1.org/life.** 



### **GET INVOLVED**

#### **YOU Can Help Save More Lives**

Through *Gift of Life,* there are many ways to share the life-saving power of organ and tissue donation with our community. You can inspire more people to sign up as a donor and help end the transplant waitlist.

**VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS** • *Gift of Life's* Ambassador Program fosters a community of transplant recipients, waitlist patients, donor families and advocates who support our life-saving mission.

- We have opportunities to fit any schedule, interest and comfort level.
- Introductory sessions are held virtually and in person.
- Programs and observances include National Donate Life Month,
  Donor Remembrance Day, Gift of Life Donor Sabbath, National Minority
  Donor Awareness Month, outreach to schools, hospitals, DMVs, and more.

**GIFT OF LIFE HOWIE'S HOUSE** • This "home away from home" for transplant families has many opportunities to help support our guests.

- Be a Home Cook Hero as a brunch, baking or dinner volunteer.
- Become a shuttle driver and take guests to medical appointments.
- Help keep our pantry stocked by holding a Wish List drive.
- Honor your loved one by hosting a fundraiser such as a memorial walk, golf outing or virtual fundraiser in their name.
- Become a permanent part of the House by dedicating a paver to your loved one in the Legacy Garden.

**SHARE YOUR STORY** • Personal stories of donor heroes, transplant recipients and waitlist patients can inspire others to sign up to give the gift of life.

**SPREAD THE WORD** • Follow *Gift of Life* on your favorite social media channels @donors1 and share our inspiring and informative posts.

#### **JOIN US**

**DONOR DASH** • *Gift of Life's* largest celebration of the life-saving power of donation is held each April and includes a 10K run, 5K run and 3K walk. Transplant recipients, donor families and supporters join with family and friends to honor donor heroes, share the importance of donation, and inspire more people to sign up as donors.

**TEAM PHILADELPHIA** • Transplant recipients of all ages and abilities along with donor families and supporters are invited to join *Gift of Life's* Team Philly for the Transplant Games of America. Recipients and living donors compete for medals in a variety of sports and activities, showcasing the success of transplantation.

For more information about supporting our life-saving mission, please scan or visit **donors1.org/learnmore.** 

Help us share the power of organ and tissue donation to transform lives. Learn more and encourage others to register at **donors1.org** 



