

YOU have the power to save lives.

Why is it important to **sign up** to become an organ and tissue donor?



GIFT of LIFE
DONOR PROGRAM
A Legacy of **HEROES**. A Future of **HOPE**.

- More than 100,000 children and adults in the U.S. are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.
- More than half are from communities of color.
- 17 people die waiting each day.
- Everyone has the potential to save up to 8 lives as an organ donor and transform the lives of about 100 others through tissue donation regardless of age, race, health or medical history.

How does **Gift of Life** support transplant patients and their families?

Gift of Life Donor Program is the vital link between organ donors and patients waiting for a transplant. *Gift of Life's* expert team works 24/7 to carefully guide and support families through the donation process with compassion and respect, and to coordinate the recovery of precious organs and tissue from deceased donor heroes for transplants.

Gift of Life Donor Program:

- Is one of the largest and most successful organ procurement organizations (OPO) in the U.S., working with 126 acute care hospitals and 12 transplant centers in its region, as well as hundreds of transplant centers throughout the country.
- Serves more than 11.3 million people across the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware.
- Has coordinated more than 59,000 organs and more than 2 million tissue transplants overall since its founding in 1974.

***Gift of Life's* vision is to achieve a day when no one dies waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.**



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Howie's House

Gift of Life Donor Program's affiliate, Gift of Life Howie's House serves as a "home away from home" for transplant patients and their families seeking care in Philadelphia, Pa. The House provides safe, comfortable and affordable lodging, home-cooked meals, transportation to and from local hospitals and professional supportive services for patients and families.

a simple "yes" will save lives! As an organ donor, you have the potential to save 8 lives and heal up to 100 more with one simple "yes." You can skip a trip to the DMV and register online today at **donors1.org/register**. It's easy and private! This donor registry is only accessible to organ donation professionals after someone dies.



What is the biggest misconception about organ donation?

Being registered as a donor on your license **will not affect life-saving care** if you are sick or injured. In a hospital or at an accident scene, the one and only priority is to save your life. Period. Donation is not an option for any family until all hope of saving their loved one is gone. Only then does *Gift of Life* step in to support a hero's family through the donation process with kindness and respect.

fast facts:

health: Everyone has the potential to save and transform lives as an organ and tissue donor regardless of age, health or medical history. A person's ability to donate is evaluated after they die in a hospital.

age: There's no age limit for organ donation. In fact, organs from older donors can be used for older patients who need a transplant. The oldest U.S. donor to date was 98. You never know what individual organs may still be healthy enough to save lives!

religion: All major religions in the United States support organ donation as a generous, final gift of kindness toward others.

cost: There is no cost to donors or their families for organ or tissue donation.

funeral: All types of funeral and burial arrangements including an open-casket viewing are compatible with organ, tissue, and cornea donation. A donor hero is treated with the utmost care, respect, and dignity throughout the donation process.

waitlist: Rich or famous people on the transplant waitlist do not get organs faster. A national computer system matches donated organs to recipients. The factors used in matching include blood type, time spent waiting, other important medical information, how sick the person is, and geographic location. Race, income, and celebrity are NEVER considered.

Honor *Gift of Life's* **50 years of saving lives**
by helping register **50,000** more organ donors

Together, **we can provide hope**
to the thousands waiting for a transplant!

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