



Our 2025 Impact: Most Organs Transplanted in U.S. History

Overview

Gift of Life Donor Program, one of the leading organ procurement organizations (OPO) in the U.S., works around-the-clock to support donor families in the hospital and coordinate the recovery of precious organs and tissues from deceased donor heroes to save and heal lives through transplantation.

As the non-profit, federally designated OPO headquartered in Philadelphia, Gift of Life:

- Serves 11.3 million people across the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware.
- Works in partnership with the 123 acute care hospitals and 11 transplant centers in its designated service area as well as more than 100 transplant centers throughout the country.
- Ranks in Tier 1 of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) OPO donation and transplant performance metrics.
- Provides the most comprehensive array of services available in the U.S. to the donation and transplantation community including:
 - full-service tissue recovery, an eye bank, organ preservation and transport for living kidney donation and a dedicated donor care center for organ recovery.

Leader in Organ & Tissue Donation

In 2025, thanks to its generous community, Gift of Life coordinated:

- **1,955** organ transplants, the **most in U.S. history**.
- **984** kidney transplants, the **most in the U.S. for the tenth consecutive year**.
- **508** liver transplants, the **most in U.S. history**.
- **180** heart transplants, the **most in the U.S.**
- **725** organ donor heroes, the **most in Gift of Life's history of 50+ years**.
- **2,406** cornea donors, the **most in Gift of Life's history**.

Since the start of the national donation system in 1988:

- **Most donor heroes** (15,586) and **organs transplanted** (43,108) **of any U.S. OPO**.
- More than two million tissue transplants.
- **Most lives saved and healed of any U.S. OPO**.

Leader in Most-Needed Kidneys

A half million people in the U.S. are suffering from End-Stage Renal Disease, with 90 percent of waitlist patients needing a kidney transplant. Gift of Life is the U.S. leader in providing kidneys – the most-needed organ for transplant – coordinating **22,756** kidney transplants overall, **the most in U.S. history**. Any family can suddenly find a loved one in need of a kidney transplant to survive with diabetes and hypertension increasing across our country.

Leader in Advocacy

Register as an organ donor at donors1.org/register any time.

- Everyone has the potential to save and heal lives through donation regardless of age, health or medical history.
- The need for more registered donors is one of our country's critical public health issues.
- More than 100,000 children and adults in the U.S. need an organ transplant to survive; 13 people die waiting each day.
- One organ donor can save up to eight lives, and one tissue donor can transform the lives of about 100 others.

Leader in Innovation & Research

Gift of Life's commitment to implementing new organ preservation technologies effectively and rapidly is opening doors for more families to save lives.

Gift of Life is also recognized internationally for its expertise, scholarship and leadership in organ and tissue donation through the donor program and its affiliates.

[Gift of Life Institute](#) has served as a global training center for organ and tissue donation professionals, delivering skills-based education, research and consulting to improve donation outcomes, training thousands of professionals from all U.S. OPOs, multiple tissue banks and 33 countries worldwide for more than 20 years.

Gift of Life Institute's [Transplant Pregnancy Registry International](#) (TPRI) has provided organ recipients with science-based information to achieve post-transplant parenthood as the world's only research study on post-transplant pregnancy, tracking thousands of parents and pregnancies to guide safe, informed decision-making for more than 35 years.

Leader in Supporting Families

[Gift of Life Howie's House](#) is **celebrating its 15th year** as a welcoming 32-room "home away from home" that provides temporary, affordable lodging and professional supportive services for families traveling to Philadelphia for a transplant.

- The House has provided thousands of nights of lodging, free shuttle trips to local hospitals and meals since opening in 2011.
- Gift of Life has provided **more than \$17 million in subsidized care** through initiatives supporting transplant patients and their families.
- The House's [Caregiver Lifeline Program](#) provides education and support through webinars and virtual support groups that have been attended by thousands of transplant patients, caregivers and professionals from most U.S. states and multiple countries.

Learn more at donors1.org.

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