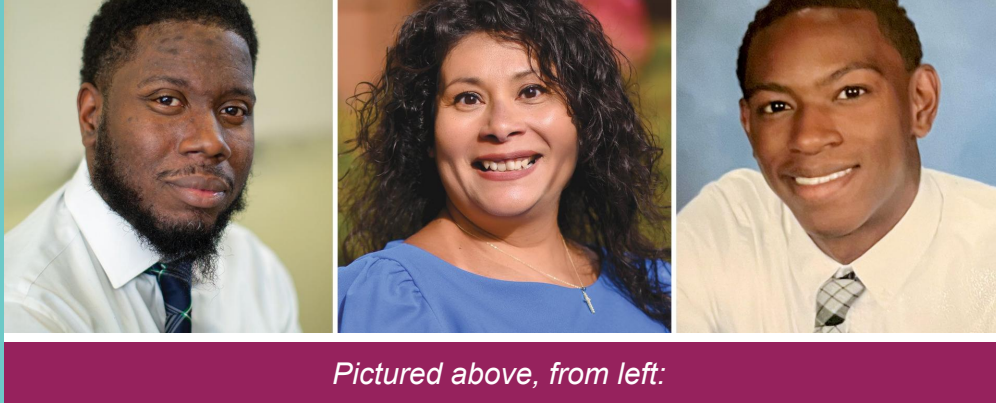




National Minority Donor Awareness Month



Pictured above, from left:

- Phillip, husband, father and educator, says "Waiting for a kidney is long but it shows me how strong I can be." [Read More.](#)
- Jessica says she has freedom and hope thanks to her kidney and liver transplant. [Read More.](#)
- Read Jimmy Jam's inspiring story below.

National Minority Donor Awareness Month shines a spotlight on the health struggles facing thousands of our family, friends and neighbors.

100,000+
people are waiting for
lifesaving organ transplants.

60%
of people on the national
transplant waiting list are
from communities of color.

CLICK FOR OUR TOOLKIT

featuring infographics, flyers,
social media resources & inspiring stories
to spread awareness of life-saving donation.

Building Trust, Saving Lives:

Jimmy Jam's Legacy



When Madeline talks about her son, Jimmy Jam, she remembers his kind heart. He was always helping others.

In 2024, Madeline lost her only son when he was just 31. Jimmy Jam had signed up to be an organ donor because kindness and generosity mattered so much to him. But at first, Madeline says she was unsure about organ donation. Like many people, she worried it could affect the medical care a person receives.

Madeline says her experience with the health care and donation teams when she lost Jimmy Jam changed her mind. She saw how hard the medical team worked to save her son's life. She also saw the care and respect shown to her family as they honored his generous decision to be a donor.

Through organ donation, Jimmy Jam saved six lives. Madeline says that knowing her son was able to help others brings comfort and makes her proud of his legacy.

Today, Madeline shares her son's story to encourage families to talk openly about organ donation and learn the facts. She hopes her experience will help other families see how donation can bring hope and healing to many people.

We'd Love to Partner with You!

Gift of Life Donor Program partners with
faith and community organizations through:

- Educational workshops
- Our faith-based and community grant program
- Staff education lunches
- Donor registration tabling

To start a conversation, contact
Multicultural Affairs Specialist Naja Killebrew
at nkillebrew@donors1.org.

JOIN US FOR THESE EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Free Fest Hosted by Philadelphia Freeway

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Philadelphia Navy Yard
Marine Parade Grounds
4747 S. Broad St.
Philadelphia, Pa.
*Philadelphia Freeway is a
 kidney transplant recipient and
 father of organ donor hero, Jihad.*

[Click to learn more.](#)

Event Details

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Uplift Philly Fest

Noon to 6 p.m.
Jerome Brown Playground
1919-41 Ontario St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Community in Action Festival

Noon to 4 p.m.
700 Cobbs Creek Parkway
Philadelphia, Pa.
*Come out and support this
 Gift of Life community grant recipient!*

[Click to learn about our grant program.](#)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Patty's Party in the Park Hosted by Patty Jackson

5:30 p.m. to late
The Dell Music Center
2400 Strawberry Mansion Drive
Philadelphia, Pa.
*Stop by our Gift of Life tent,
 grab a free hand fan and enter our contest
 to win dinner for two!*

GET DETAILS & TICKETS

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Fast Facts

About Organ Donation

- 1** Saving your life is the only priority for doctors if you are sick or in an accident. Donation is not an option for any family until all life-saving efforts have been completed.
- 2** A donor's family may have any type of funeral or burial arrangements for their loved one that they wish including an open casket viewing.
- 3** Everyone has the potential to save lives as an organ donor regardless of age, health or medical history. One organ donor can save as many as 8 lives and heal 100 others through tissue donation.
- 4** All major religions in the U.S. support organ donation as a generous act of kindness.
- 5** You can save lives as an organ donor without going to the DMV or having it on your license. It's private to sign up online at donors1.org/register.

Protect Your Health and Your Future

Small steps today can help prevent serious disease and the need for an organ transplant tomorrow.

- Know your numbers: blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, and kidney function.
- Manage chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure early and consistently.
- Stay connected to preventive care and don't delay routine checkups.

Help Us Save More Lives

Register as an Organ Donor

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