



ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

Learn the Facts. Help Us End the Transplant Waitlist.

Lives Are at Stake

- **More than 100,000** children and adults in the U.S. need an organ transplant to survive.
 - Each day, **13 people die** while waiting for a transplant.
 - Every 8 minutes, another person is added to the national waitlist.
 - In our region alone, approximately **4,500 people of all ages** are waiting for a transplant.
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The Power of Organ & Tissue Donation

- One donor can make an extraordinary difference:
 - **One organ donor can save up to 8 lives.**
 - **One tissue donor can transform the lives of about 100 people.**
 - Organ donation can include kidneys, liver, lungs, heart, pancreas and intestines.
 - Tissue donation can include bone to repair fractures and prevent amputations, skin to treat burn patients and support reconstructive surgery, including after breast cancer, heart valves to repair life-threatening defects and corneas to restore eyesight.
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Gift of Life Donor Program

- Works 24/7 to support families through the donation process and coordinate the recovery of organs and tissues from deceased donor heroes.
 - Serves 11.3 million people across the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware.
 - Partners with 123 acute care hospitals, 11 regional transplant centers and more than 100 transplant centers nationwide.
 - Provides the most comprehensive array of services of any organ procurement organization (OPO) in the U.S.
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Gift of Life's Impact

2025 Milestones

- 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, **most in Gift of Life's history**.

Gift of Life's Impact *(continued)*

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.**
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National Leader in Kidney Transplants

- Total kidney transplants coordinated: **22,756 — the most in U.S. history.**
 - More than a half million people in the U.S. are suffering from End-Stage Renal Disease, with more than 90,000 awaiting a kidney transplant.
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National Leader in Innovation

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

Organ Donation: What to Know

- Registering as an organ and tissue donor is a powerful act of generosity that brings hope to patients and their families.
 - More than half of people on the U.S. transplant waitlist are people of color, underscoring the importance of diverse donors.
 - All major religions support organ donation as an expression of compassion and care for others.
 - Fewer than 2% of deaths occur under circumstances that allow for organ donation, making every registered donor essential.
 - Everyone has the potential to be a donor hero regardless of age, health or medical history. At the time of death, medical tests are done to determine suitability for donation.
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ACT NOW: Help Save Lives

- Register as an organ donor at donors1.org.
- Learn the facts, make an informed decision and share it with your loved ones.

Learn more at donors1.org.

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