



Multicultural Communities in Donation and Transplantation

National Minority Donor Awareness Month is a collaborative effort by national organizations to save and improve the quality of life of diverse communities by creating a positive culture for organ, eye, and tissue donation. The observance stems from National Minority Donor Awareness Week, founded in 1996 by the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) to bring heightened awareness of donation and transplantation in multicultural communities. Now extended to the entire month of August, outreach activities will highlight the need within multicultural communities, provide donation education, encourage donor registration, and promote healthy living and disease prevention to decrease the need for transplantation.

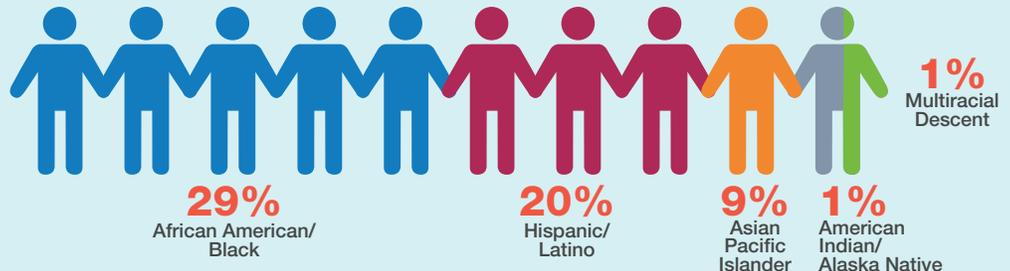
Did You Know?

Transplants can be successful regardless of the ethnicity of the donor and recipient. However, the chance of longer-term survival may be greater if the donor and recipient are closely matched in terms of their shared genetic background.



100,000+ men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants.

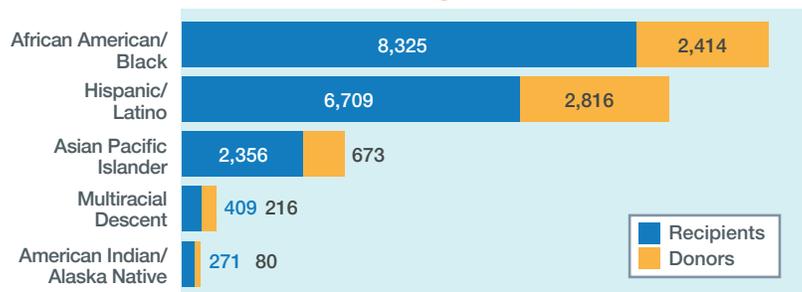
Nearly **60%** of the national transplant waiting list are from multicultural communities.



39,700
organ transplants from
19,300

donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2019.

2019 Multicultural Organ Recipients & Donors



More than **85,000** donated corneas are provided for sight-restoring transplants each year.



More than **1.75** million tissue transplants heal lives each year.

Thank you to all donors, donor families, registered donors and champions of the Donate Life cause. Support across multicultural communities contributed to a milestone year of lives saved and healed!

What can I do to increase organ, eye and tissue donation in my community?



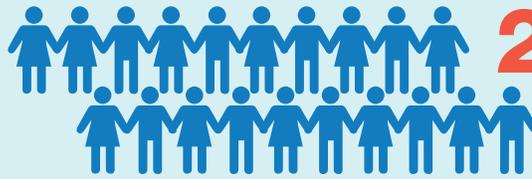
Register your decision to be a donor at RegisterMe.org.

Tell your family and friends about your decision to *Donate Life*.

Ask others to visit DonateLife.net to learn more and register.

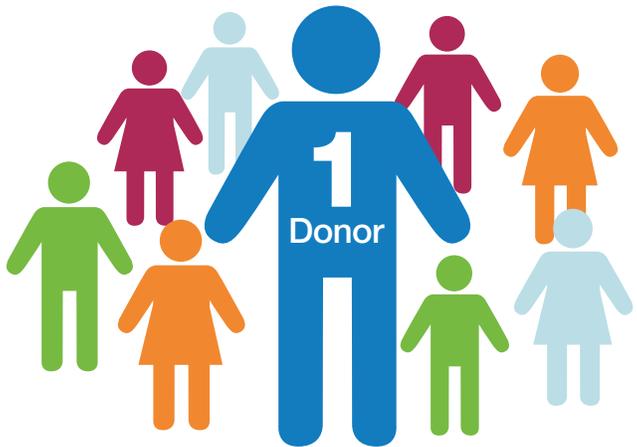
The Need is Great

Every **10** minutes another person is added to the waiting list.



20 people die each day because the organs they need are not donated in time.

Deceased Donation



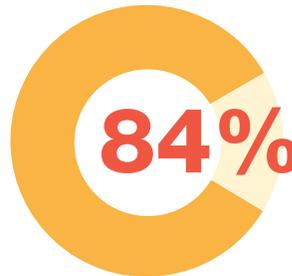
Organ
Save up to
8
lives

Eye
Restore sight to
2
people

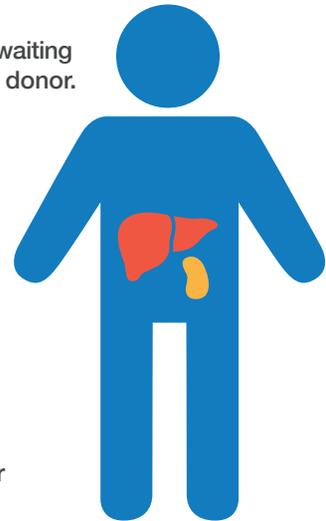
Tissue
Heal more than
75
people

Living Donation

3-5 years is the average waiting time for a kidney from a deceased donor.



84% of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.



Living donors can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver to a waiting patient.*

**Living donation is not included in your donor registration.*



Top 5 Frequently Asked Questions

Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

No, doctors work hard to save the patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is organ donation an option.

Will I be able to have an open casket funeral if I donate?

An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors.

Does my religion support organ, eye and tissue donation?

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

Does my social or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ?

A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on many factors, including: blood type, body size, how sick they are, distance from donor hospital and time on the list. Race, income, gender, celebrity and social status are never considered.

Why register your decision to be a donor?

You can save up to 8 lives and heal more than 75 people. Your registration also relieves your family of the burden of making the decision at a time of sadness and grief.