

Donate Life Float in the Rose Parade®

Facts about Donation and Transplantation



- Over **123,000** people are currently waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S.
- One organ donor can save the lives of up to **eight** people by donating their heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas and small intestines.
- On average, one tissue donor can enhance the lives of up to **50** people by donating their corneas, skin, bones and heart valves, among others.
- An average of **81** transplants take place every day in the United States.
- Patients are matched with a donor depending on the severity of their illness, body size, tissue type, blood type and other important medical information.
- Over **40,000** patients have their sight restored every year through cornea transplants.
- A living donor can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver, lung, pancreas or intestine.
- More than one third of all deceased donors are 50 or older. People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors.
- An average of **22** patients die every day while waiting simply because the organ they needed did not become available in time.
- The need for transplants is disproportionately high among minority populations. African-Americans, Hispanics and Asians have higher incidence of conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes, both of which can lead to the need for a kidney transplant.
- Every major religion in the United States supports organ, eye and tissue donation as one of the highest expressions of compassion and generosity.
- To register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor visit donatelife.net, or its Spanish counter-part donevida.org.