



CHANGE THE FUTURE CHANGE A LIFE

In 2009, New York State became the first state to include an organ and tissue donor enrollment section on voter registration forms. Since inception, over 160,000 individuals have joined the New York State Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry via voter registration forms.

THE NEED FOR ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

The need for donated organs and tissues continues to grow. There are currently more than 123,000 people in the U.S. waiting for organ transplants. Each year, approximately 6,000 people die waiting for an organ transplant that would have given them a second chance at life with their families.

- 10,000 New Yorkers need life-saving organ transplants.
- New York has the third highest need for donors in the US, yet the second lowest percentage of registered donors.
- More than 1,600 people in New York State have been on the waiting list for more than five years.
- About 600 New Yorkers die each year due to a shortage of donors.

THE BENEFIT OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

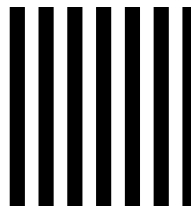
Transplantation is a remarkable success story. Nearly 30,000 people with organ failure benefit from transplants each year. Additionally, each year hundreds of thousands of people benefit from donated tissue that is used for life-saving and reconstructive purposes.

- More than 1,500 New Yorkers receive life-saving organ transplants on an annual basis.
- At only one-year post transplant, more than half of liver recipients have returned to work.
- The benefit of transplantation goes beyond the individual. Improving employment status helps not only the individual, but the family and the community.
- After only two years, the cumulative cost of dialysis surpasses the cost of transplantation.



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ABOUT ORGAN, EYE & TISSUE DONATION





ELECT TO SAVE LIVES

Exercising your right to vote is a fundamental part of being a United States citizen. Casting your vote is how Americans hold elected officials accountable for their decisions and weigh in on the important issues affecting their community. While registering to vote, you also have the opportunity to make a significant decision that could impact more than 50 lives. You have the miraculous power to save and heal lives by enrolling as an organ, eye and tissue donor in the New York State Donate Life Registry by filling out and mailing the attached postage paid enrollment form. You can also enroll by completing the optional section "Register to donate your organs and tissues" on a New York State voter registration form.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO TO HELP INCREASE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION?

- Follow the New York Alliance for Donation on social media and share our content:
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/DonateLifeNYS
 - Twitter: @DonateLifeNYS
 - YouTube: www.youtube.com/DonateLifeNYS
- Display registry enrollment brochures and donation posters at your place of employment.
- Send an email to employees, co-workers, friends and family asking them to "Enroll in the New York State Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry at www.donatelifenewyork.com."
- Put a link on your website or blog with the call to action "Enroll in the New York State Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry at www.donatelifenewyork.com."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION VISIT:

www.donatelifenewyork.com
(518) 326-3237



GET THE FACTS

- One donor can save the lives of **8** people through organ donation and improve the lives of **50** more through eye and tissue donation.
- People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors. The medical condition of the donor at the time of death will determine what organs and tissue can be donated. Don't count yourself out.
- Saving your life is paramount. Organ and tissue donation becomes an option only after all life-saving measures have been taken and death has been declared. The decision to donate does not interfere with medical care.
- All major religions support organ and tissue donation.
- Donation does not delay or change funeral arrangements, and an open casket is possible.
- There is no cost to a donor's family or estate for organ and tissue donation.
- Organs are distributed based on medical information like blood type, body size and tissue type matching through a national computer network operated by the UNOS. It is illegal to distribute organs based on nonmedical information such as wealth, citizenship or celebrity status.
- It is illegal to buy or sell organs and tissue in the United States.
- It is possible to donate a kidney, partial liver, lung or pancreas as a living donor.

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EVERY DONOR COUNTS

Fill out, *sign* and mail this
New York State Donate Life Registry form.

Prefix _____ (Dr., Fr., etc.)

* First Name _____ M.I. _____

* Last Name _____

Suffix _____ (Jr., Sr., II, etc.)

* Address _____

* City _____ * State _____ * Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____

* Date of Birth ____/____/____ * Gender Male Female

* Height _____ Feet _____ Inches * Eye Color _____

Your DMV-issued, 9-digit, client ID number from your driver license
or non-driver ID card _____

Email _____

* I offer the donation of: All Organs, Tissues and Eyes
 Limited Organs, Tissues and Eyes as specified below

Please CHECK the box of the organs and tissues that YOU WISH TO DONATE:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bone and
Connective Tissue | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart with
Connective Tissue | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancreas
(with Iliac Vessel) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corneas | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidneys | <input type="checkbox"/> Skin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eyes | <input type="checkbox"/> Liver/Iliac Vessels | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Intestine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart (For Valves) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lungs | <input type="checkbox"/> Veins |

* I wish to donate the organs and or tissues specified above for:
 Transplantation Transplantation only Research only
and Research

I wish to enroll in the New York State Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry maintained by the State Department of Health. I understand that by enrolling in the registry I am giving legal consent to the donation of my organs, tissues and eyes (as specified above) in the event of my death. I authorize the State Department of Health to access this information as needed in administration of the registry, and to share this information at or near the time of my death with federally regulated organ procurement organizations, New York State licensed tissue and eye banks and entities formally approved by the Commissioner.

➤ Sign and Date

* Signature _____

* Date _____ / _____ / _____