

DONATION FAST FACTS

One donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and heal more than 75 lives through tissue donation.

The heart, liver, kidneys, lungs, pancreas and intestines can be donated, as well as skin, corneas, bone, veins, connective tissue and heart valves.

87% of patients on the national transplant waiting list are in need of a kidney transplant.

Organ donation is very rare, needing to occur under specific conditions when a person passes away in a hospital while on a ventilator due to brain death or cardiac death.

More than 100,000 Americans are currently waiting for a lifesaving organ. In Maryland and the metro DC area, nearly 4,000 people are waiting.

Over 170 million Americans are registered as organ donors.

All major religions in the United States support organ, eye and tissue donation and consider it the ultimate act of charity and generosity. Please consult a religious advisor if you have questions or concerns.

There is never any cost for donation to the donor or their family. If you decide to be an organ, eye and tissue donor, your family will NOT have to pay for any medical expenses associated with the donation.

Age and most health conditions do not preclude someone from organ, eye and tissue donation.

Donors can still have open casket funerals.

90% of adults support organ donation but only 60% are actually signed up as donors.

Registering as an organ donor takes less than two minutes. You can sign up next time you go to the motor vehicle office or by going online to infinitelegacy.org.

It is important to discuss organ, eye and tissue donation with your family, so they are aware of your wishes in an emergency.