



Multicultural Communities in Donation and Transplantation

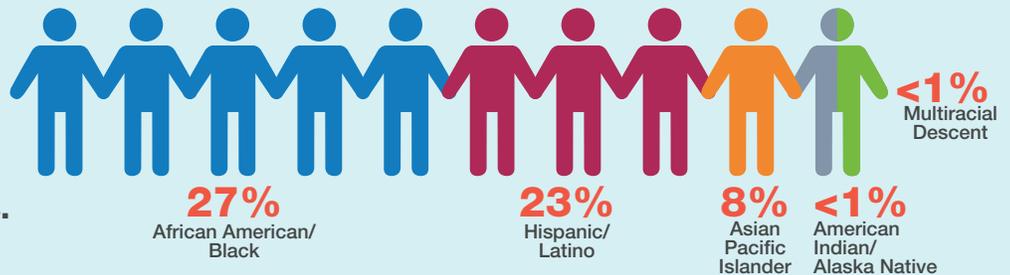
National Minority Donor Awareness Month is a collaborative effort by national organizations to save and improve the quality of life of diverse communities by creating a positive culture for organ, eye, and tissue donation. The observance stems from National Minority Donor Awareness Week, founded in 1996 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.

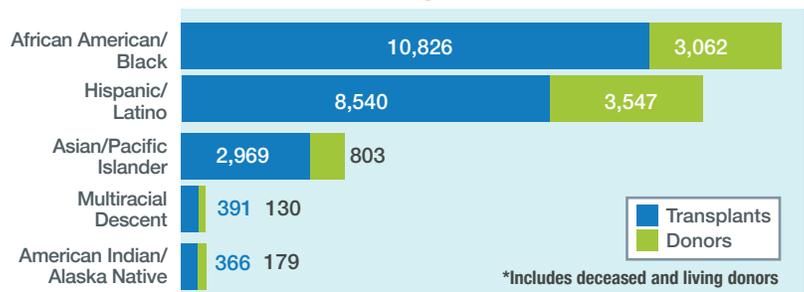
More than **100,000** people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.

60% of people on the national transplant waiting list are from multicultural communities.



More than **46,000** organ transplants from **23,000** donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2023.

2023 Multicultural Organ Transplants & Donors*



More than **78,000** corneal transplants help to restore sight each year.



More than **2.5** 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](https://www.registerme.org).

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

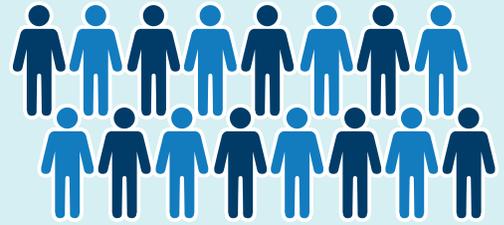
Ask others to visit [DonateLife.net](https://www.donatelife.net) to learn more and register.

The Need is Great

Every **8** minutes another person is added to the waiting list.



16 people die each day while waiting for a transplant



Deceased Donation



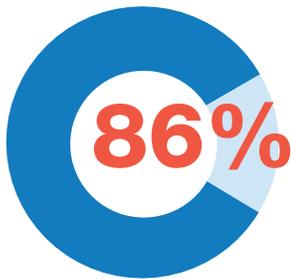
1 Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor

Saves up to **8** lives

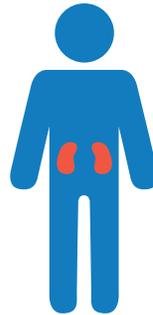
Restores sight to **2** people

Heals the lives of more than **75** people

Living Donation



86% 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.*



10% of patients waiting are in need of a liver.



Top Frequently Asked Questions

Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

No, your life always comes first. Doctors work hard to save every 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 donation an option.

Does donation affect funeral plans?

Funeral arrangements of your choice are possible, including a viewing. Through the entire donation process the body is treated with care and respect. Following donation, funeral arrangements can continue as planned.

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 and/or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ if I ever need one?

No. A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, donor distance, tissue type and time on the list. Race, gender, income, celebrity and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression does NOT prevent someone from registering as an organ donor.

