



*Donate Life Ambassador  
Resource Guide*

LifeSource

ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONATION

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# *LifeSource*

## ***Vision***

Everyone shares the gift of life.

## ***Mission***

LifeSource saves lives and offers hope and healing through excellence in organ, eye and tissue donation.

## ***Values***

Respect

Accountability

Advocacy

Life

Innovation

## *Our Communities*

LifeSource is the non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation in the Upper Midwest, serving the 7.5 million people who live in communities across Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and western Wisconsin. Headquartered in the Twin Cities, we have offices in Rochester, MN and Sioux Falls, SD with additional team members located in Duluth, MN; Grand Forks, Fargo and Bismarck, ND; and Rapid City, SD.

LifeSource partners with 279 hospitals and 300 driver's license offices to facilitate the gifts of organ, eye and tissue donation and encourage people in our communities to register as a donor.

# *LifeSource Regional Transplant Centers*

## *Abbott Northwestern Hospital*

Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Heart, Kidney*

## *Children's Hospital*

Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Heart*

## *Hennepin Healthcare*

Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Kidney*

## *Mayo Clinic*

Rochester, Minnesota

*Heart, Lung, Kidney, Liver, Pancreas, Islets*

## *University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview*

Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Heart, Lung, Kidney, Liver, Pancreas, Intestine, Islets*

## *Sanford Transplant Center*

Bismarck, North Dakota

*Kidney*

## *Sanford Transplant Services*

Fargo, North Dakota

*Kidney*

## *Avera Transplant Institute*

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

*Kidney, Pancreas, Liver*

## *Sanford Transplant Program*

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

*Kidney*

***Donate Life Ambassador Program***

## ***Purpose Statement***

The purpose of the LifeSource Donate Life Ambassador Program is to directly support the mission of LifeSource, the non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation in the Upper Midwest. Our ambassadors are committed to educating the public about organ, eye and tissue donation so that people in our communities can make a positive decision about donation and register to be a donor. Ambassadors pledge to offer their diverse skills, talents and experiences as volunteers with LifeSource to help increase donation so that more people will receive the transplants they need.

## *Ambassador Expectations*

Our Donate Life Ambassadors are a vital component of our community education program, ensuring that thousands of people each year learn about the importance of donation. In order to maintain a successful program, we ask that every ambassador meet the following expectations:

- Provide a positive and accurate representation of LifeSource and the mission of organ, eye and tissue donation in every presentation or activity;
- Adhere to Ambassador policies as directed by Advocacy & Ambassador Coordinator;
- Coordinate all activities with Advocacy & Ambassador Coordinator;
- Fulfill all commitments and provide adequate notice for scheduling changes;
- Arrive at scheduled presentations and activities on time and stay within established presentation time frame;
- Be audience-focused and respect the needs of the hosting organization;
- Provide additional information and resources to audience members when you are unsure of how to answer a specific question;
- Maintain confidentiality as detailed in the Confidentiality Statement;
- Attend LifeSource Donate Life Ambassador training;
- Read the Donate Life Ambassador e-newsletter from LifeSource, which is sent out on a quarterly basis;
- Participate in at least one Donate Life Ambassador event or activity every 12 months.

# *Ambassador Opportunities*

Our Donate Life Ambassadors are charged with creating good will about organ, eye and tissue donation and LifeSource in their community. This may involve requests by LifeSource for ambassadors to share their story with a variety of audiences and also involves self-directed opportunities. We will help provide resources and materials, as available, for ambassadors to implement their own community opportunities in coordination with the Advocacy & Ambassador Coordinator. For your reference, please see our Resource and Materials Policy on the following page and on our website. Opportunities may include:

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Ambassadors may take part in community events such as health fairs, sporting events, community fairs, parades, etc.

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

Occasionally, we field requests for interviews from local media. We are always looking for people willing to share their personal story with the media.

## **SCHOOLS**

Ambassadors work with area schools to fulfill organ, eye and tissue donation education requirements for students in driver's education, or talk to health classes.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Use your Facebook or Twitter account or your blog, if you have one, to promote organ, eye and tissue donation and encourage your network to register as donors.

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

We receive a wide variety of requests for speakers for various health care and public groups.

## **OFFICE WORK**

We occasionally need help with assorted office tasks and projects at our Minneapolis headquarters.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Do you have a special talent or interest like computer entry, sewing, flower arranging, or photography? Please let us know!

## *Resource and Materials Policy*

LifeSource is proud to support our Donate Life Ambassadors and all community members who help share the life-saving message of donation and encourage others to register as organ, eye and tissue donors. As a non-profit organization that serves a large geographic area, we are deeply appreciative of everyone who helps us reach others with the message of donation.

We also take seriously the stewardship of our financial resources so that we can continue to provide public education to inspire others to register as a donor and save lives. The depth of support and resources we are able to provide may vary depending on the goals of the event.

**Registered Donate Life Ambassadors** receive the necessary materials and resources they need as they are sharing the life-saving message of donation on behalf of LifeSource. The materials and quantities made available to Ambassadors will vary depending on the activity or event and may include: wristbands, brochures or flyers, posters, pens, pencils, banner, and other items.

In addition, each Donate Life Ambassador receives, free-of-charge, an exclusive Donate Life t-shirt, Donate Life Ambassador pin, and Donate Life Ambassador badge upon completion of the application process. Donate Life Ambassadors may also have access to specialty items and larger quantities.

**Any organization or individual coordinating or participating in an event** can request materials to share the life-saving message of donation. Informational flyers and up to 100 green wristbands are provided free-of-charge. Additional quantities may be available upon request with a tax-deductible donation or we can refer you to an organization where you can purchase donation-related items.

**Individuals, groups or organizations raising funds to benefit LifeSource** may receive additional support, including extra supplies, assistance with media relations, and staff or Ambassador support.

We will provide up to four green Donate Life t-shirts, free-of-charge, when requested by a registered Donate Life Ambassador or LifeSource team member for an event promoting donation. If more than four shirts are needed, we request a \$6 donation per shirt to help offset our costs.

Thank you for helping us increase support for donation in our communities. Together we can save lives!

## *Confidential Information*

As a LifeSource Donate Life Ambassador, we ask that you follow a code of ethics. These ethics should guide your behavior, as one of our most fundamental responsibilities concerns confidentiality.

During the course of your volunteer work with LifeSource, you may, on occasion, have access to confidential information. Your work may bring you information of a personal nature about the people that LifeSource serves, or about the operations of LifeSource or our team members. Our Code of Ethics states that you may not repeat any information of a confidential nature to anyone. Neither may you use any information received to your personal advantage.

Confidentiality is a fundamental right of those we serve, and it is guaranteed through your adherence to our Donate Life Ambassador expectations. Please sign the confidentiality statement as part of your Ambassador application with LifeSource.

## *Safe Environment Policy*

We appreciate the time and talent that our Donate Life Ambassadors share with LifeSource and within their communities to encourage others to support organ, eye and tissue donation and register as a donor. We are committed to ensuring a safe and respectful environment for all of our Ambassadors, team members and community and require that all Ambassadors adhere to this policy.

All Ambassadors, LifeSource team members and community members are to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times and are asked to refrain from conduct that may be disrespectful, intimidating, threatening or dangerous to other people or property. Ambassadors are prohibited from carrying, possessing or using firearms or other weapons on LifeSource premises or while carrying out their Ambassador duties in the community. This policy applies to all LifeSource Donate Life Ambassadors, whether or not the Ambassador is licensed to carry a weapon.

LifeSource will not tolerate conduct that threatens, intimidates or coerces another Ambassador, team member, customer, partner or community member at any time. This includes all acts of harassment, including but not limited to harassment based on an individual's sex, race, age or any characteristic or status protected by state law.

Any act or threat of violence or harassment should be reported as soon as possible to LifeSource's Advocacy & Ambassador Coordinator, Public Relations Manager or Director of Public Affairs. When reporting a threat of violence or other violation of this policy, we expect Ambassadors to be as specific and detailed as possible. Ambassadors should never try to intervene in a disturbance or otherwise place themselves in danger, neither at LifeSource or while in the community participating in activities as an Ambassador.

We will promptly and thoroughly investigate all reports of violations of this policy and of suspicious individuals or activities. The identity of the person making a report will be protected as much as practical, subject to the necessity of the investigation and taking appropriate action.

Thank you for working with us to ensure a safe and respectful environment for one another and our community.



# Connect With Us Online

LifeSource uses Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and our website to share information with our communities. It's a great way to provide information, share links to interesting articles or websites and to generate discussion about donation and transplantation.

We hope you'll connect with us online and use your own social networks to help make our communities stronger. We count on our Donate Life Ambassadors, partners and advocates to help us more widely share the life-saving mission of donation and transplantation so that people have the information they need to register as a donor and save lives.

## WEBSITE

**www.Life-Source.org**

Visit our website to learn more about our programs, our team and our service to our communities. Be sure to check out our virtual donor family quilt and event calendar.

## FACEBOOK

**Donate Life Minnesota:** facebook.com/DonateLifeMN

**Donate Life North Dakota:** facebook.com/DonateLifeND

**Donate Life South Dakota:** facebook.com/DonateLifeSouthDakota

**LifeSource:** facebook.com/LifeSource.donate



Check out our Facebook pages to interact with donor families, transplant recipients and dedicated people who support the life-saving mission of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. "Like" and "Share" donation-related posts so the message spreads beyond the donation community.

Show your support for donation by adding your donor status to your profile. In your timeline click on Life Event, Health & Wellness, Organ Donor...

## TWITTER

**@DonateLifeMN:** twitter.com/DonateLifeMN

Follow us on Twitter to get brief updates on our activities, events and news stories. Tag your tweets with the #DonateLife hashtag so they can be easily found and retweeted by LifeSource and other donation advocates.

## YOUTUBE

**LifeSourceMN:** youtube.com/LifeSourceMN

On our YouTube channel you'll find inspirational videos about donation and transplantation, including short clips of local donor family members and transplant recipients sharing their stories and videos from community events.

# Connect With Us Online

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Post and share messages, stories, and videos about donation to your personal social media networks. Email Teresa your photos and stories of your experiences as an Ambassador and we will share them on our social media channels. Comment on and “like” our posts, and post on our pages.

## SUGGESTED MESSAGES

Here are some examples of ways to tie in the message of donation throughout the year. Depending on the state you live in, add links to [www.DonateLifeMN.org](http://www.DonateLifeMN.org), [www.DonateLifeND.org](http://www.DonateLifeND.org), or [www.DonateLifeSD.org](http://www.DonateLifeSD.org), and if you’re posting on twitter add the #DonateLife hashtag.

**JANUARY** Looking for a New Year’s resolution you can definitely stick with?  
Resolve to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor!

**FEBRUARY** Pledge to share your heart on Valentine’s Day! Register as an organ, eye and tissue donor.

**MARCH** March is National Kidney Month. 80% of the people on the national waiting list are waiting for a kidney transplant. Register as an organ, eye and tissue donor and encourage others to do the same!

**APRIL** April is National Donate Life Month! Share the gift of life by registering to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor today.

**NOVEMBER** All major religions in the United States support organ and tissue donation. Discuss donation during National Donor Sabbath and register to donate life.

This Thanksgiving give thanks, give life!

**DECEMBER** Holidays are a time for giving—give of yourself by registering to be an organ, eye and tissue donor.

Also tie in your own birthday, anniversary and other milestones made possible by transplant, if you are a recipient or honor your loved one by sharing their milestones (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.).

*Introduction to Organ, Eye and Tissue  
Donation and Transplantation*

## *Key Messages*

In addition to sharing your story, the following messages give context to the need for more people to support donation and the power of one decision—the decision to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor. Be sure to add these messages to your presentation and always leave your audience with a call to action.

### **There are many more people waiting for a life-saving organ transplant than there are organs available, and the need continues to grow.**

- More than 3,400 of our neighbors in the Upper Midwest are waiting for a transplant.
- Nationally, about 115,000 people are waiting for an organ transplant.
- Each day, 22 people die due to the organ shortage.
- Thousands of people are in need of a tissue transplant.

### **Anyone can register to be a donor.**

- One person can save and heal up to 75 lives through organ, eye and tissue donation.
- People of all ages and with a variety of health conditions CAN be donors.
- Donor families often share that their loved one's gift of donation brings them comfort in their grief journey.

### **If you support donation, do two things:**

#### **1. Register to be a donor**

#### **2. Share your decision with your family**

- Indicating donor on your driver's license or state ID card is authorization for donation and will ensure your decision is honored. Please share your decision with your family.

# Fast Facts About Donation

A pdf of the most recent monthly Fast Facts is available at [www.life-source.org/ambassadors/resources](http://www.life-source.org/ambassadors/resources).

## Fast Facts about Donation

Thousands of men, women, and children in the United States are waiting for organ transplants that could save their lives. Each year, approximately one-third of those people receive life-saving transplants and a hope for a renewed life because of the generosity of individuals who at a time of personal grief think of others in need. Despite this generosity, the need continues to grow.

### The Waiting List

Waiting List	National	Regional
Kidney	98,238	2,576
Pancreas	946	158
Kidney-Pancreas	1,740	199
Liver	14,372	507
Heart	4,003	190
Heart-Lung	46	6
Lung	1,392	64
Intestine	272	1
<b>Total Waiting</b>	<b>118,342</b>	<b>3,427</b>

OPTN data January 2017

Total may be less than the sum due to patients included in multiple categories

### Donor Designation

	% of Adults Registered
Minnesota	62
North Dakota	65
South Dakota	64
<b>Region Total (November 2016)</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>National Total (2015)</b>	<b>50</b>

### Gifts Given & Received

2016 Statistics	National	Regional
# of deceased organ donors	9,971	179
# of living organ donors	5,975	331
# of tissue donors	30,000 *	557
<b># of organs transplanted</b>		
Kidney	20,131	278
Pancreas	1024	28
Liver	7,845	131
Heart	3,209	65
Lung	4,119	83
Intestine	147	1
<b>Total # of Organs Transplanted</b>	<b>36,475</b>	<b>587</b>

OPTN data

\*DLA data. May 2015

Each day, 22 people die while waiting for a transplant. A new name is added to the transplant waiting list every 10 minutes.

**Register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor at [www.life-source.org](http://www.life-source.org).**

### Donation to Transplant

How quickly must organs and tissues be transplanted after recovery surgery? Transplant must occur within...

<b>6</b> HOURS	<b>18</b> HOURS	<b>14</b> DAYS	<b>5</b> YEARS
Heart Lung	Kidney Pancreas Liver Intestine	Corneas	Tissue grafts (bone, skin, veins, etc.)

### Patient Success Rates

One Year Post Transplant OPTN Data

Kidney	96%
Pancreas	95%
Liver	86%
Heart	87%
Lung	83%
Heart-Lung	65%

Regional data includes Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.  
Data source: <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov> and AATB

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# Facts About Donation

## REGISTER TO BE A DONOR

One donor can save and heal up to 75 lives. Donation is a rare event – you are much more likely to need a transplant than to be a donor.

## ALL FAITHS AGREE

All major religions in the United States support donation and consider it a generous act of caring.

## YOUR LIFE ALWAYS COMES FIRST

The hospital and EMT's number one priority is to *save your life*. Your status as a donor is not considered until every effort has been made to save your life.

## EVERYONE IS EQUAL

Organs are allocated based on medical factors such as blood type, body size, severity of illness and length of time on the wait list. Nobody receives priority based on wealth or influence.

## ANYONE CAN REGISTER AS A DONOR

Your age or health should not prevent you from registering as a donor. Most health conditions do *not* prevent donation and age is not a factor. The oldest organ donor was 92!

## YOU CAN HAVE AN OPEN CASKET FUNERAL

Donation does not prevent an open-casket funeral service or any type of viewing.

## THERE IS NO COST TO YOUR FAMILY

Your family will have *no* expenses associated with donation.

For more information and other frequently asked questions, please visit [DonateLifeMN.org](http://DonateLifeMN.org)

# Tips for Sensitive Language

Language plays an important role in how we think and feel about organ, eye and tissue donation. The words we use have the power to inspire and show respect or to cause hurt feelings and fuel misconceptions. It's important to keep in mind the feelings of donor families when we write or talk about donation, as we are talking about their loved ones.



**SAY:**  
**Recover organs or surgical recovery**

**INSTEAD OF**

Harvest organs or harvesting of organs

**BECAUSE** The word recovery helps people understand that the removal of a loved one's organs for transplant is a respectful surgical procedure, and maintains dignity for the donor and the donor's family.

**SAY:**  
**Deceased donor or deceased donation**

**INSTEAD OF**

Cadaver or cadaveric donation

**BECAUSE** As more people choose to become living donors there is a need to distinguish between living and deceased donation. Additionally, the term cadaver is often used to refer to "bodies with the intent of dissection."

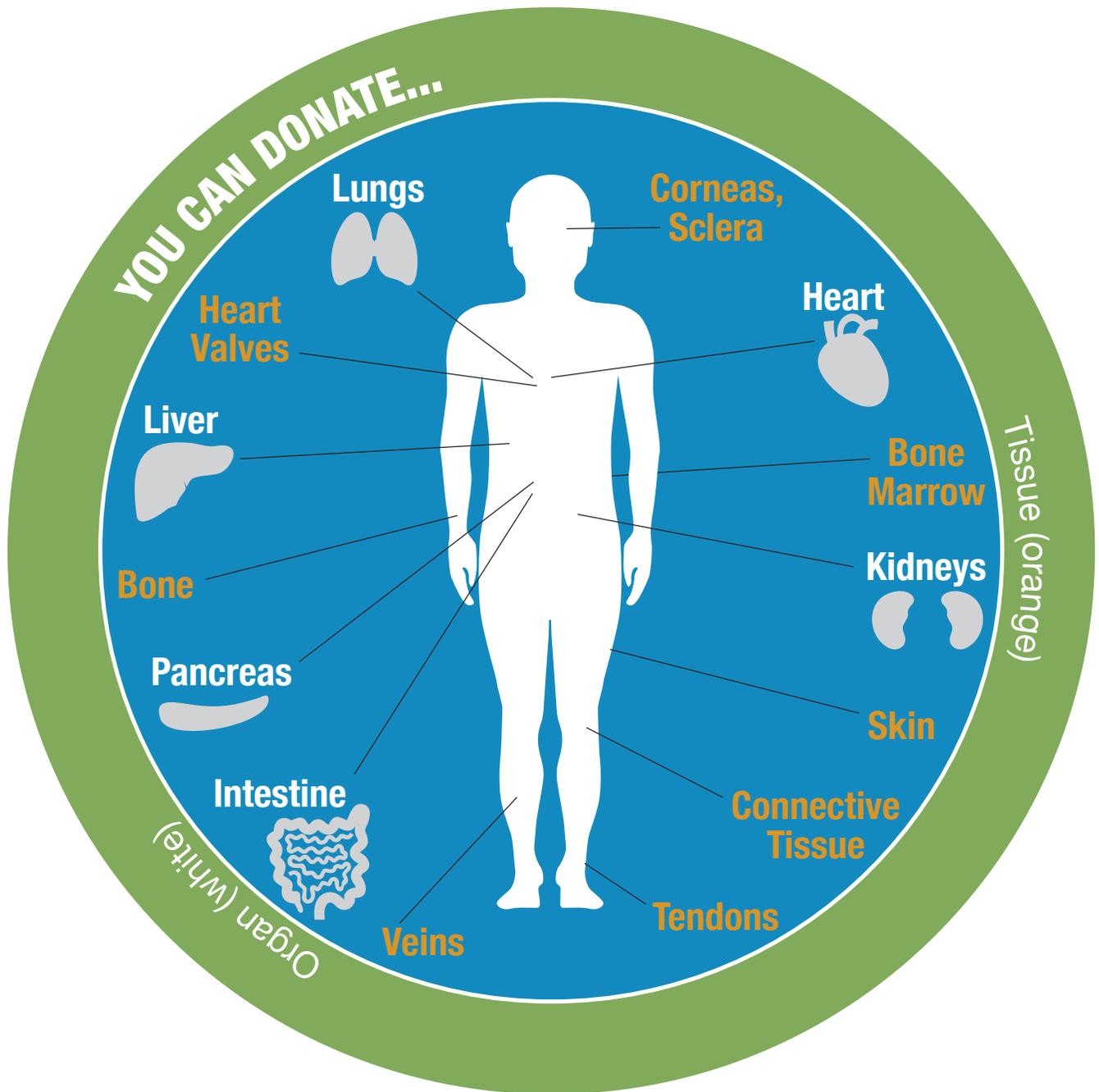
**SAY:**  
**Mechanical support or ventilated support**

**INSTEAD OF**

Life support

**BECAUSE** When the brain stops functioning, a person is brain dead and death is declared. Mechanical or ventilated support is used to maintain blood flow and oxygen to the organs so they can share the gift of life.

# Transplantable Organs and Tissues



# The Benefits of Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation

Organ, eye and tissue donation saves and heals lives—one person can help up to 75 people or more! Most tissue transplants take place at community hospitals during surgeries that repair injuries sustained by trauma or disease.

<b>GIFT</b>	<b>HELPS OTHERS BY...</b>
<b>Heart</b>	Delivering oxygen and nutrients to all the cells in the body. Patients who need a heart transplant will not survive without this precious gift, often waiting in the hospital or at home for many months.
<b>Lungs</b>	Allowing them to breathe! Lung transplants most often benefit people with cystic fibrosis, emphysema and pulmonary hypertension.
<b>Liver</b>	Cleaning their blood and removing waste and toxins from the body. The liver can be split to help two people!
<b>Kidneys</b>	Freeing recipients from time-consuming dialysis treatments by helping filter the body's toxins. Kidney failure may be the result of disease, high blood pressure or diabetes.
<b>Pancreas</b>	Helping regulate blood sugar through the production of insulin. Patients with diabetes benefit from a pancreas transplant.
<b>Intestine</b>	Helping break down the food we eat and allowing the body to absorb nutrients. People with digestive disorders benefit from an intestine transplant.
<b>Bone</b>	Repairing bone damage or loss after serious injury, crippling diseases of the bone, or bone cancer.
<b>Skin</b>	Providing protection for people who have been severely burned or helping restore function for patients after surgery.
<b>Connective Tissue</b>	Restoring mobility, reducing pain and promoting healing in patients with injury.
<b>Heart Valves</b>	Regulating blood flow and restoring damaged or defective heart valves.
<b>Veins</b>	Restoring blood flow in people whose own veins are badly damaged because of disease or injury and can help prevent amputation.
<b>Bone Marrow</b>	Transplanting bone marrow in conjunction with transplanted bone increases the strength and effectiveness of the transplant.
<b>Eyes/Corneas</b>	Allowing them to see! Corneal transplants restore and improve sight after injury or disease.

# *Who can be a Donor?*

People of all ages, of all races and in all places can be an organ, eye and tissue donor after their death. Some people also choose to donate an organ while they are living. Registering to be a donor on your license or ID card or online means that you are agreeing to donate your organs, eyes and tissues to people in need after your death. It does not include living donation.

## **DECEASED DONATION**

People can donate their organs, eyes and tissues to help others in need after their death. LifeSource works with grieving families to facilitate the gift of donation after their loved one's death.

Deceased donation is only possible after death has been declared. Death is declared one of two ways:

- Brain Death: when a person is declared dead after all brain activity ceases
- Circulatory Death: when a person is declared dead after the heart stops beating

Both brain death and circulatory death are irreversible. Organ recovery occurs in an operating room after death has been declared by medical professionals not associated with donation. Tissue can be recovered up to 24 hours after death.

## **LIVING DONATION**

Sometimes a person chooses to donate an organ while they are living to help others. Living donation is managed directly through the transplant center where a patient is awaiting transplant. In many cases, the donor is a relative or friend of the recipient. Sometimes people choose to be a living donor anonymously; this is typically referred to as altruistic living donation since the organ is matched with the person in greatest need.

Most people who are living donors donate one of their kidneys. Other organs that can be donated while living are partial liver or partial lung. For more information on living donation, please contact one of LifeSource's partner transplant programs.

## *Matching Donors and Recipients*

Every donated organ is gifted with the best possible match in order to save lives and help end deaths on the transplant waiting list. Sadly, there are not enough organs for everyone who needs a life-saving transplant.

Every patient in the United States waiting for a transplant is registered with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). UNOS maintains a centralized computer network that links all organ procurement organizations and transplant centers, and is accessible 24 hours per day, seven days per week. All patients have equal access to donated organs.

As part of the process of caring for donors and their families and facilitating donation, LifeSource manages matching donor organs with recipients. A LifeSource coordinator will enter information about the donor into the UNOS database, which generates a computerized list of potential matches for each organ.

The generated match list provides the names of potential recipients in order of priority. Matching priority is based on criteria such as severity of the patient's illness, length of time waiting for their transplant, blood type, body size and genetic tissue matching. Every organ will generate a differently ranked list of patients based on the unique characteristics of each donor.

The LifeSource coordinator begins with the first patient on the list and contacts that patient's transplant center to offer the organ. If the organ is turned down, the next center on the list is contacted, and so on, until the organ is placed. This process is followed for every organ donated by each donor.

Once the patient is selected and contacted and all testing is complete, organ recovery and transplantation surgery is scheduled and completed.

## *Donor Designation – Minnesota*

Registering to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your driver's license, state ID card or online will ensure that your decision to be a donor is honored. **No matter how you register, it means the same thing – that your decision will be honored.** Your registration is authorization for your organs, eyes and tissues to be recovered after your death and gifted to people who are sick.

If you support donation, do two things: Register to be a donor and share your decision with your family.

***You can choose how you register as a donor!*** You only need to register ONE of these ways in the state in which you live.

### **ONLINE**

**DonateLifeMN.org**

You will not receive a new license or ID card until you renew in person at the DMV.

### **AT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE**

**Check the box on your driver's license or state ID card application.**

DONOR will be printed on the front of your license when you receive it. Once you are registered you remain registered unless you choose to remove the designation at a later time.

### **BY MAIL**

**Find the form and instructions at [DonateLifeMN.org](http://DonateLifeMN.org) or call LifeSource at 1.888.5.DONATE.**

You will not receive a new license or ID card until you renew in the person at the DMV.

## *Donor Designation – North Dakota*

Registering to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your driver's license, state ID card or online will ensure that your decision to be a donor is honored. **No matter how you register, it means the same thing – that your decision will be honored.** Your registration is authorization for your organs, eyes and tissues to be recovered after your death and gifted to people who are sick.

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### **ONLINE**

#### **DonateLifeND.org**

You will be sent a letter indicating you have registered to be a donor. You will not receive a new license or ID card until you renew.

### **AT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE**

#### **Check the box on your driver's license or state ID card application.**

North Dakotans need to register as a donor EACH TIME they renew their license or ID card.

### **BY MAIL**

Not currently offered.

## *Donor Designation – South Dakota*

Registering to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your driver's license, state ID card or online will ensure that your decision to be a donor is honored. **No matter how you register, it means the same thing – that your decision will be honored.** Your registration is authorization for your organs, eyes and tissues to be recovered after your death and gifted to people who are sick.

If you support donation, do two things: Register to be a donor and share your decision with your family.

***You can choose how you register as a donor!*** You only need to register ONE of these ways in the state in which you live.

### **ONLINE**

#### **DonateLifeSD.org**

You will be sent a letter indicating you have registered to be a donor, along with a sticker to affix to your driver license or identification card. You will not receive a new license or ID card until you renew.

### **AT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE**

#### **Check the box on your driver's license or state ID card application.**

DONOR will be printed on the front of your license when you receive it. Once you are registered you remain registered unless you choose to remove the designation at a later time.

### **BY MAIL**

#### **Find the form and instructions at [DonateLifeSD.org](http://DonateLifeSD.org) or call LifeSource at 888.5.DONATE.**

You will be sent a letter indicating you have registered to be a donor, along with a sticker to affix to your driver license or identification card. You will not receive a new license or ID card until you renew.

## *Donor Designation – Wisconsin*

Registering to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your driver's license, state ID card or online will ensure that your decision to be a donor is honored. **No matter how you register, it means the same thing – that your decision will be honored.** Your registration is authorization for your organs, eyes and tissues to be recovered after your death and gifted to people who are sick.

If you support donation, do two things: Register to be a donor and share your decision with your family.

***You can choose how you register as a donor!*** You only need to register ONE of these ways in the state in which you live.

### **ONLINE**

**DonateLifeWisconsin.org**

You will be sent a letter indicating you have registered to be a donor. You will not receive a new license or ID card until you renew.

### **AT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE**

**Check the box on your driver's license or state ID card application.**

An orange dot will be printed on the front of your license when you receive it. Once you are registered you remain registered unless you choose to remove the designation at a later time.

### **BY MAIL**

**Find the form and instructions at [DonateLifeWisconsin.org](http://DonateLifeWisconsin.org).**

# *Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation Resources*

## **LifeSource**

[www.life-source.org](http://www.life-source.org)

The non-profit organization dedicated to saving and healing lives through organ and tissue donation in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and parts of western Wisconsin.

## **American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB)**

[www.aatb.org](http://www.aatb.org)

National tissue banking organization with information about tissue donation and transplantation.

## **Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO)**

[www.aopo.org](http://www.aopo.org)

AOPO represents and serves organ procurement organizations and develops activities that will maximize the availability of organs and tissues and enhance the quality, integrity, and effectiveness of the donation process.

## **Department of Health and Human Services – Organ Donation Website**

[www.OrganDonor.gov](http://www.OrganDonor.gov)

US Government information on donation and transplantation.

## **Donate Life America**

[www.DonateLifeAmerica.net](http://www.DonateLifeAmerica.net)

Donate Life America assists in mobilizing the donation and transplant community to educate the American public on the need for organ, eye and tissue donation and motivating the public to register their donation decision.

## **Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA)**

[www.RestoreSight.org](http://www.RestoreSight.org)

Association of Eye Banks, committed to restoring sight worldwide.

## **National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) - Be The Match**

[www.BeTheMatch.org](http://www.BeTheMatch.org)

Be The Match provides information on bone marrow donation and transplantation, including how to join the Bone Marrow registry and information on diseases treatable by marrow or blood stem cell transplantation.

## **Transplant Recipients International Organization**

[www.trioweb.org](http://www.trioweb.org)

TRIO is an independent, not-for-profit, international organization committed to improving the quality of life of transplant candidates, recipients, their families and the families of organ and tissue donors.

## **United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)**

[www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org)

UNOS maintains the list of people in the US who are waiting for an organ transplant. Their site includes information and statistics about donation, transplants, current issues and developments.

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## **ANATOMY BEQUEST PROGRAMS**

### **University of Minnesota**

[www.bequest.umn.edu](http://www.bequest.umn.edu)

Information on the University's whole body donation program.

### **Mayo Clinic Department of Anatomy**

[www.mayoclinic.org/body-donation](http://www.mayoclinic.org/body-donation)

Information on Mayo Clinic's whole body donation program.

## **LIVING ORGAN DONATION PROGRAMS**

### **University of Minnesota Medical Center**

[www.mhealth.org](http://www.mhealth.org)

### **Hennepin County Medical Center**

[www.hennepinhealthcare.org](http://www.hennepinhealthcare.org)

### **Mayo Clinic**

[www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)

### **Sanford Health Fargo**

[www.sanfordhealth.org](http://www.sanfordhealth.org)

### **Avera McKennan Transplant Center**

[www.avera.org](http://www.avera.org)

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

Organizations like the National Kidney Foundation, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Memorial Blood Centers, and the American Red Cross may all prove useful.

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