

ABOUT LIFESOURCE

At the heart of organ donation

LifeSource is the non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and western Wisconsin. As one of 55 federally designated Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) in the United States, we are designed to:

Facilitation of organ, eye and tissue donation

We coordinate with over 270 hospitals, 9 regional transplant centers and numerous medical examiners, coroners and funeral directors.

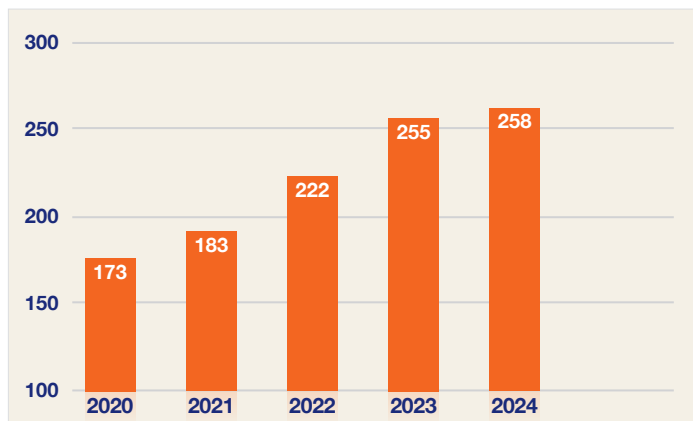
Support donor families

We support the families of organ, eye and tissue donors at the time of donation – and in the months and years that follow.

Educate communities

Our work is only possible through the generosity of individuals who choose to donate. For over two decades, LifeSource has worked to overcome medical mistrust and misinformation among communities of color.

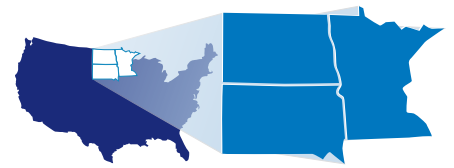
LifeSource celebrates 5-year growth for organ & tissue donation



These records aren't just numbers. Behind every statistic lies a person with a story – a story that didn't end in death but continued with the gift of life.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, our vision remains steadfast – to turn every donation opportunity into a life-saving gift and to advocate for fair and equitable access to transplantation. With 2,700+ people in our service area still awaiting a life-saving transplant, we need to do more.

Thank you for your continued support on the road ahead.



250 LifeSource team members serve **7.2** million people in our three states.

54% of adults registered as donors.

SINCE 1989

ORGAN DONORS	5,829
ORGANS TRANSPLANTED	19,922
TISSUE DONORS	13,014
LIVES HEALED	976,050

OUR PARTNERS

- 270+ hospitals
- 9 transplant centers
- 300+ driver's license offices
- Medical examiner offices
- Funeral directors
- 23 Indigenous Nations
- Community organizations

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Frequently asked questions

Who can register as an organ donor?

Anyone can register. Your age or health does not prevent you from registering. Most health conditions do not prevent donation and age is not a factor – the oldest organ donor was 98. Medical advances now allow people with chronic conditions, cancer, HIV and hepatitis to donate. Don't rule yourself out – check the box.

How many people are waiting for a transplant?

Nationwide, there are over 100,000 people waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and more than 2,700 of those people are right here in the Upper Midwest.

What can be donated?

Organs

Through organ donation, one person can save up to eight lives. Deceased organ donors can donate:



Kidneys (2)



Lungs (2)



Pancreas



Liver



Heart



Intestine

Tissues

- **Bone Tissue** – hip, leg or rib tissue for orthopedic and reconstructive treatments
- **Heart Valves** – to repair defective valves and improve heart function
- **Blood Vessels** – to restore blood flow; often used for heart bypass, to make continued kidney dialysis possible, to re-establish circulation in a diabetic's limb and to repair aneurysms
- **Skin Tissue** – for burn patients, trauma, reconstruction and wound-care treatments
- **Connective Tissue** – ligaments or tendons to increase or restore mobility

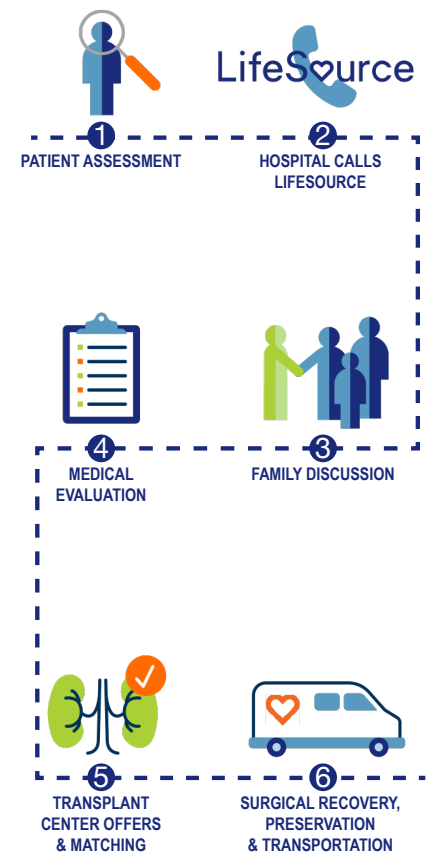
How many people can a single donor help heal and save?

One person can save and heal more than 75 lives through organ, eye and tissue donation. In some cases, tissue donation can increase this number significantly.

How the organ donation process works

The donation process is a complex symphony of partners all working together in a short time frame.

Without support from these partners and the community, this life-saving work would not be possible.



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