



GIVE HOPE

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Join the Organ Donor Registry

Organ, Eye & Tissue Donation: Fast Facts

General facts about donation:

- The demand for organ, eye and tissue donation vastly exceeds the number of registered organ donors.
- A single organ donor can save as many as eight lives and improve up to 75 more.
- Everyone can be a registered organ donor regardless of age or medical history.
- Committing to organ donation never interferes with medical care – if you are sick or injured, saving your life is always top priority.
- Most major religions support organ and tissue donation as a final act of generosity.
- Registering as an organ donor takes less than one minute at the DMV or ShareLifeMidwest.com.

General facts about living donation:

- When patients have a living donor, they do not need to wait on the transplant list – a wait that could take several years.
- Living donation helps more than just one person because it reduces the number of people on the waiting list, making organs available sooner for those who do not have living donors.
- Research shows that transplant recipients who receive an organ from a living donor often experience better outcomes, both in terms of how long the organ lasts and how well the body reacts to it.
- Many living donors describe very positive emotional experiences when they see and think about the impact of their lifesaving gift.

In our region:

- Nearly 2,000 people in Missouri and 500 people in Kansas are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants. Among them, nearly 1,900 need kidney transplants.
- 75% of adults in Missouri and 73% of adults in Kansas are registered organ donors.

In the United States:

- More than 120,000 people are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. Tens of thousands more benefit from life-changing tissue or corneal transplants.
- On average, 22 people per day die due to lack of available organs for transplants.
- Every 10 minutes another person is added to the waiting list.
- 95% of U.S. adults are in favor of being an organ donor, but only 54% are registered.

For more information, visit mwtn.org or ShareLifeMidwest.com. Or, call **913-262-1668**.

