

You Have the Power to Donate Life. Be an Organ and Tissue Donor.

Transplantation is one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of medicine. It provides hope and life to thousands of people with organ failure. In addition, transplanted tissue offers hundreds of thousands of people an active and renewed life. But transplantation can only happen with the generosity of organ and tissue donors. Unfortunately, the need for donors is much greater than the number of people who actually donate. In fact, due to a lack of available organs, about 17 people die each day waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.

You have the power to change someone's world by giving the most precious gift: Life. You can register to become a donor the next time you renew your license at the DMV or by completing a donor registry form. There is a gift you can give that costs you nothing and yet is priceless to the recipient.

Did you know:

- Every organ donor can save the lives of up to 8 people and tissue donors can enhance the lives of up to 50 others.*
- People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors.*
- Allocation of donated organs—the heart, pancreas, kidneys, liver, lungs and intestines—is based solely on medical criteria such as blood type, body size and tissue type.*
- Tissue is needed to replace bone, tendons and ligaments lost to severe trauma, cancer and other diseases. Corneas restore sight, heart valves repair cardiac defects and damage, and skin grafts help burn patients heal.*
- All major organized religions support organ and tissue donation and view it as an unselfish act of love and generosity toward others.*
- Doctors, nurses and paramedics have one goal: to save your life. Only after all lifesaving efforts have failed is organ and tissue donation considered.*

We encourage all chamber members to designate their wishes to Donate Life! For more information and/or to request a donor registry form, please call Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency at 1-800-232-2892.