April Is NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

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National Donate Life Month – April 2020

Donation and Transplantation Statistics

• In 2019, nearly 40,000 transplants brought renewed life to patients and their families and communities (from nearly 11,900 deceased and nearly 7,400 living donors).
• More than 110,000 men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants.
• Another person is added to the nation’s organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes.
• Sadly, 8,000 people die each year (on average 22 people each day — almost one person each hour) because the organs they need are not donated in time.
• More than 80% of patients on the waiting list are waiting for a kidney.
• 12% of patients waiting are in need of a liver.
• Each year, there are approximately 30,000 tissue donors and more than 1.75 million tissue transplants; the surgical need for donated tissue is steadily rising.
• A single tissue donor can help more than 75 people.
• More than 85,000 corneas are provided for sight-restoring corneal transplants each year.
SAVING AND HEALING LIVES
2019 ANNUAL SUMMARY

Donate Life Wisconsin is a nonprofit alliance of organizations and caring individuals dedicated to increasing donated organs, eyes and tissues to save and heal lives. Through education and advocacy, we inspire people to register as donors. We work together to create a culture where donation is embraced as a fundamental human responsibility.

THE GIFT OF LIFE AND HEALING
We thank the donors and their families for giving the gifts of life and healing in Wisconsin.

- 819 organs transplanted
- 257 deceased organ donors
- 179 living kidney & liver donors
- 1,161 tissue donors
- 1,521 eye donors

THE NEED
1,837 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant in Wisconsin.*
* February 4, 2020

THE HEROES
2,912,704 people are registered as organ, tissue and eye donors in Wisconsin. In 2019, more than 700 thousand registered at the DMV and more than 5,000 registered online.*
* December 31, 2019

THE IMPACT
One organ, tissue and eye donor can save and heal more than 75 lives.

Register as an organ, tissue and eye donor at DonateLifeWisconsin.org or at a Wisconsin DMV Service Center. Questions? 608-261-6854
Stay safe!
Stay healthy!
Always be kind!

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