

Fast Facts

- Anyone has the potential to be a donor regardless of age, ethnicity, or medical history.
- Most major religions in the United States support organ, eye and tissue donation, and see it as the final act of love and generosity toward others.
- If you are sick or injured and admitted to the hospital, the number one priority is to save your life. Organ, eye and tissue donation can only be considered after death is declared.
- People on the waiting list for an organ are categorized by the severity of illness, time spent waiting, blood type, and other important medical information, not financial or celebrity status.
- An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors. Through the entire donation process, the body is treated with care, respect and dignity.
- There is no cost to the donor or their family for organ, eye or tissue donation.
- One organ donor can save up to eight lives and heal the lives of many more through tissue and eye donation.