

**GET TO KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT**

# **DONATION**

## **WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?**

**ORGAN:** Heart | Intestine | Kidneys | Liver | Lungs | Pancreas

**TISSUE:** Bone | Heart Valves | Skin | Tendons

**EYE:** Corneas

## **HOW CAN YOUR DECISION HELP?**

More than 106,000 people nationwide are currently waiting for a lifesaving transplant.\*

### **ORGAN DONATION**

#### **Deceased donors can donate:**

Kidneys (2), liver, lungs (2), heart, pancreas and intestine.

#### **Living donors can donate:**

One kidney; one lung; a portion of their liver, pancreas or intestine.

### **EYE DONATION**

Gives the gift of sight to another individual. Corneal transplants do not involve the entire eye, only the clear part of the eye over the iris and the lens.

### **TISSUE DONATION**

**Bone:** Can be used in artificial joint replacements, dental surgeries and spinal fusions. Can also be used to replace bone loss from illness or injury.

**Heart valves:** Can be transplanted to save the lives of children born with heart defects and adults with damaged heart valves.

**Skin:** Can be used as a natural dressing to prevent infection in people with serious burns.

**Tendons:** Can help rebuild damaged joints.

\*As of January 2022.



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# CORRECTING THE MYTHS ABOUT

# DONATION

## MYTH #1

*"I'm too old to be a donor."*

**FACT:** *People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors.*

## MYTH #2

*"If they see I'm a donor at the hospital, they won't try to save my life."*

**FACT:** *The first priority of medical professionals is to save their patient's life.* An individual's donation status does not affect his or her medical care.

## MYTH #3

*"I have a medical condition, so I can't be a donor."*

**FACT:** *Anyone, regardless of age or medical history, can sign up to be a donor.* At an individual's time of death, a transplant team will determine whether donation is possible.

## MYTH #4

*"My family will have to pay for the donation."*

**FACT:** *There is no cost to donors or their families for organ or tissue donation.*



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