

2006  
Organ/Tissue Donation  
**PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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*20 years of saving lives!*

**A year in review for our partners in hope**

The logo for Gift of Hope features the words "gift of hope" in a lowercase, serif font. The word "gift" is in purple, "of" is in green, and "hope" is in purple. A purple brushstroke arches over the word "hope". Below this, the words "Organ & Tissue Donor Network" are written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font. A small "SM" trademark symbol is located to the upper right of the word "hope".  
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Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network is proud to serve as the federally designated not-for-profit organ procurement organization (OPO) that coordinates organ and tissue donation and services to families of donors in the northern three-quarters of Illinois and northwest Indiana. Since its inception in 1986, Gift of Hope has coordinated dona-

tions that have saved the lives of more than 10,000 organ transplant recipients, and improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of tissue transplant recipients. As one of 58 organ procurement organizations that make up the nation's organ donation system, Gift of Hope works with 183 hospitals and serves 11.7 million residents in its donation service area.

# To our hospital partners

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## Dear hospital partners,

As Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network celebrates its 20th year of serving Illinois and northwest Indiana, we are pleased to provide this overview of our life-giving achievements in 2006 made possible through our collaboration with hospitals and other partners. Among the highlights of those efforts that have enabled us to serve our communities and work with our partners more effectively:

- Gift of Hope coordinated a record 973 organs for transplant, increasing the number of lives saved over 2005. Specifics in this publication will help you better understand your role in the process that helped make that possible.
- We worked with a record 995 tissue donors, including 932 bone donors, enhancing the lives of thousands of patients in need of life-enhancing grafts. Again, the following pages will underscore how your hospital contributed to this high number.
- Last February, we opened a surgical suite at our main facility in Elmhurst. The facility has standardized environmental controls and has improved the effective utilization of Gift of Hope staff and other resources, ultimately helping us recover more tissue for transplant and alleviate OR scheduling conflicts in hospitals. We have recovered tissue from more than 400 donors in the new suite.
- We began recovering skin to provide for burn victims in need of lifesaving skin grafts. From mid-March through the end of the year, we worked with 520 skin donors to benefit these patients.
- Our Histocompatibility Laboratory participates in an international program to measure the accuracy of its test results in human leukocyte antigen typing, which is used for tissue type matching. For the 175 labs participating in this program, the average discrepancy rate in 2006 ranged from 2.5% to 5.4%. Gift of Hope's lab achieved a 0% discrepancy rate—one of only a few laboratories in the world to do so.



In 2006, Gift of Hope also continued its participation in the Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative. At the Collaborative's National Learning Congress in October, more than 20 Gift of Hope hospital partners were recognized for achieving milestone donation rates. Nationwide, donations rose 5.6%, closing the year with 8,023 deceased organ donors.

But the need for lifesaving and life-enhancing transplants continues to grow. There's more work to be done. More than 95,000 individuals are on the organ transplant waiting list—more than 4,700 in Illinois—and we are committed to building on our successes. We look forward to our continued partnership to save and enhance the lives of as many people as possible through organ and tissue donation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jarold Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Jarold A. Anderson  
President/CEO

# National and local overview

Organ transplantation increased both nationally and in our donation service area in 2006. The following United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) data also shows the steadily increasing need for transplants. In 2006, 6,016 men, women and children on the national waiting list died while waiting. Of those individuals, 293 died in Illinois.

<b>Organ Transplant Waiting List</b> (registered nationally and at Illinois transplant centers per the United Network for Organ Sharing as of Jan. 3, 2007)				
	<b>Gift of Hope 1/2007</b>	<b>Gift of Hope 1/2006</b>	<b>U.S. 1/2007</b>	<b>U.S. 1/2006</b>
Kidney	3,552	3,302	69,604	64,835
Kidney-Pancreas	181	171	2,394	2,504
Heart	77	75	2,846	2,994
Liver	837	945	17,045	17,388
Lung	70	67	2,879	3,165
Heart-Lung	2	2	140	141
Pancreas	133	141	1,766	1,686
Intestine	6	4	237	205
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4,672</b>	<b>4,543</b>	<b>94,256</b>	<b>90,317</b>

<b>Organ Transplants Performed</b> (organs transplanted from deceased donors)				
	<b>Gift of Hope 2006</b>	<b>U.S. 2006</b>	<b>Gift of Hope 2005</b>	<b>U.S. 2005</b>
Kidney	424	10,659	389	9,913
Kidney-Pancreas	39	923	52	902
Heart	82	2,191	70	2,125
Liver	249	6,362	230	6,120
Lung	93	1,401	88	1,405
Heart-Lung	0	31	1	35
Pancreas	41	462	31	540
Intestine	6	171	1	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>22,200</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>21,211</b>

<sup>1</sup> Totals may differ from sums due to patients included in multiple categories.

<b>Outcome and Performance Measures</b> (established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)							
	<b>National objective</b>	<b>Gift of Hope 2006 total organs transplanted</b>	<b>Gift of Hope 2006 rate</b>	<b>National 2005 total organs transplanted</b>	<b>National 2005 rate</b>	<b>Gift of Hope 2005 total organs transplanted</b>	<b>Gift of Hope 2005 rate</b>
Donation rate <sup>2</sup>	75.0%	305	79.8%	7,593	61.6%	310	70.3%
Number of organs transplanted	3.75 per donor	943	3.19 per donor	21,211	3.06 per donor	915	2.95 per donor

<sup>2</sup> *Donation rate* refers to the percentage of deaths of all patients medically eligible for donation who become organ donors following brain death or cardiac death. This data is detailed in monthly Donation Activity Reports provided by your Gift of Hope Hospital Development Liaison. These reports provide a comprehensive measure of potential, in addition to U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration data that measures only the conversion of referred patients to donors. High donation rates hinge on successful hospital/OPO relationships, encompassing education, hospitals' early referral of potential donors and effective communication among all partners throughout the donation process.

# Gift of Hope donation and transplant trends

During 2006, donations of each type of organ increased at least 4.5%, with the exception of pancreatic islets. Kidney donation, with more than 3,500 Illinois patients on the waiting list, increased 5%.

Organ Donation Overview		
	2006	2005
Heart	82	71
Lung	93	89
Liver	249	230
Pancreas	76	69
Islets	4	14
Kidney	463	441
Intestine	6	1

Organ Transplant Overview		
	2006	2005
Total organs transplanted	973	915
Brain death donors	278	259
Donation after cardiac death donors	27	51
Total donors	305	310
Organs transplanted/donor	3.19	2.95

## From 2005 to 2006:

- Heart donations increased 15.5%, while lung donation increased 4.5%. This increase reflects Gift of Hope’s assertive efforts to place donated organs for transplant, as well as our implementation of new protocols and technologies, such as continuous cardiac output monitors, to optimize hearts and lungs for transplant. Gift of Hope also focused on partnering more closely with cardiology, pulmonology and other hospital specialists for their expertise in helping to maximize organ viability for transplant.
- While the number of donors after cardiac death decreased 47%, the number of organs transplanted per DCD donor increased from 1.86 to 2.41. Gift of Hope refined its DCD criteria to focus its efforts, along with those of hospital clinicians, on those DCD candidates with the highest potential for saving the most lives.
- The total number of donors decreased 1.6%. However, the number of organs transplanted per donor increased from 2.95 to 3.19—resulting in a 6.3% increase in total organs transplanted. Increasing the life-saving organs a single donor can donate begins with the hospital’s early identification and referral—leading to earlier evaluation for donation, effective approach and discussion with family members, and donor management.

Tissue Donation Overview		
	2006	2005
Total tissue donors <sup>1</sup>	995	917
Bone donors	932	841
Heart valve donors	188	175
Skin donors	520	NA <sup>2</sup>

## From 2005 to 2006:

- Tissue donors increased 7.8%.
- Bone donors increased 10.8%.
- Heart valve donors increased 7.4%.

Hospital/Gift of Hope collaboration was again central to these increases in tissue donation, particularly increased education and involvement in the process by hospital personnel outside of the ICU, including medical/surgical unit, emergency room and operating room staff, as well as pastoral care, social workers and other patient advocates.

<sup>1</sup> Total reflects all donated tissue, not just bone, heart valve and skin donors.

<sup>2</sup> Gift of Hope began procuring skin in March 2006.

## Donation outcomes

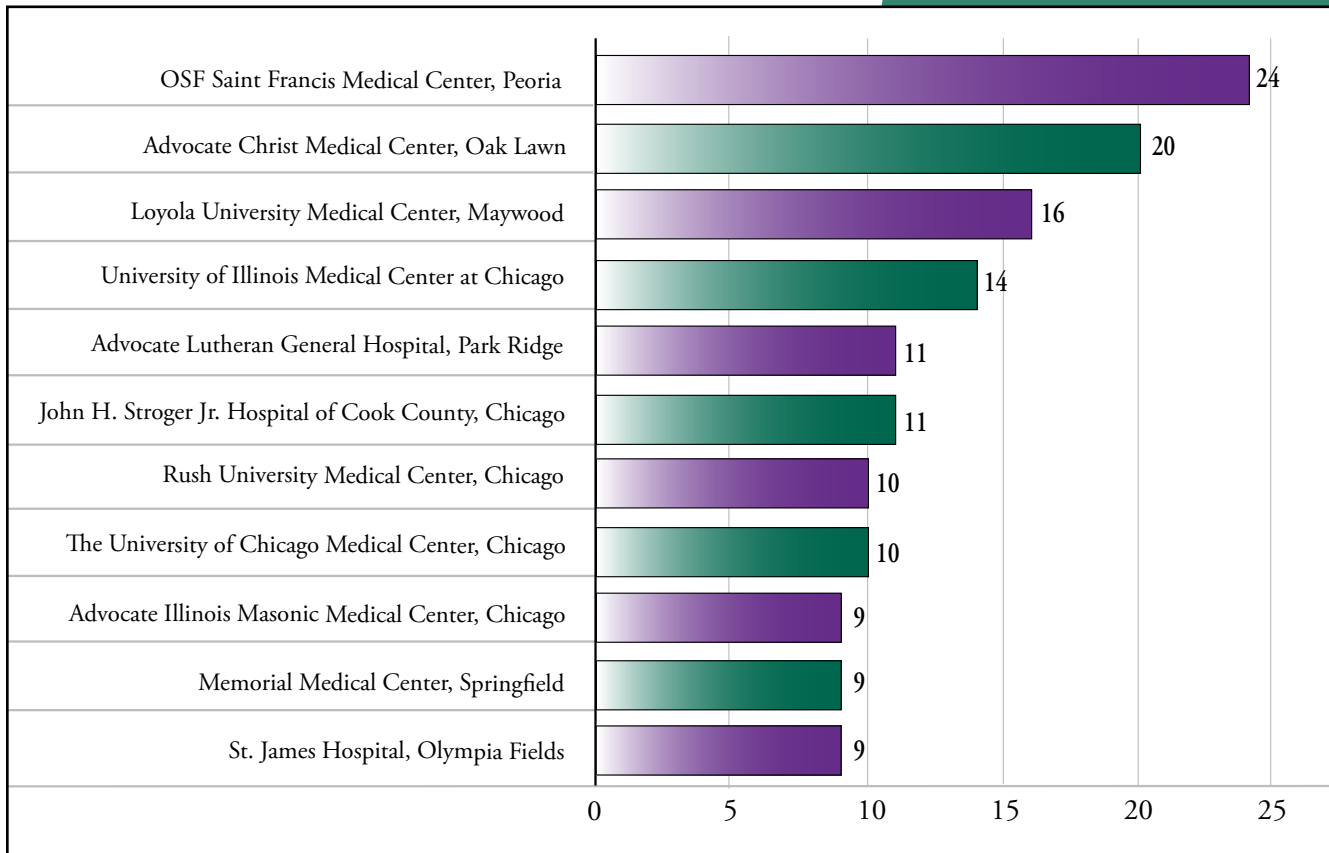
# 2006 MILESTONES in transplant

### Top 10 hospitals: Organ donation

Opportunities for organ donation are rare, comprising less than 2% of all hospital deaths. That opportunity begins with Gift of Hope and its hospital partners working together to ensure an environment that prepares hospital clinicians to recognize and act on every potential donation.

Timely referrals and effective requests are two factors that are critical to turning organ donation possibility into reality. *Timely referral* indicates the number of potential donors your hospital refers to Gift of Hope early enough to enable donation. Potential donors are identified through clinical triggers of imminent death. *Effective request* means Gift of Hope and hospital professionals collaborate to identify the most effective approach for discussing donation with family members when their consent is required for donation to take place. This results in much higher donation rates than when hospital staff alone approach the family.

Following are the hospitals whose collaboration with Gift of Hope resulted in the highest number of organ donors in 2006 (includes organ only and organ/tissue donors):



*Children's Memorial Hospital performed a record 25 kidney transplants.*

*Loyola University Medical Center performed its 500th lung transplant operation.*

*Memorial Medical Center entered its 35th year as a continuously active kidney transplant program and its 10th year as a pancreas transplant program.*

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# 2006 MILESTONES in transplant

### Top 10 hospitals: Donations providing lifesaving organs for transplant

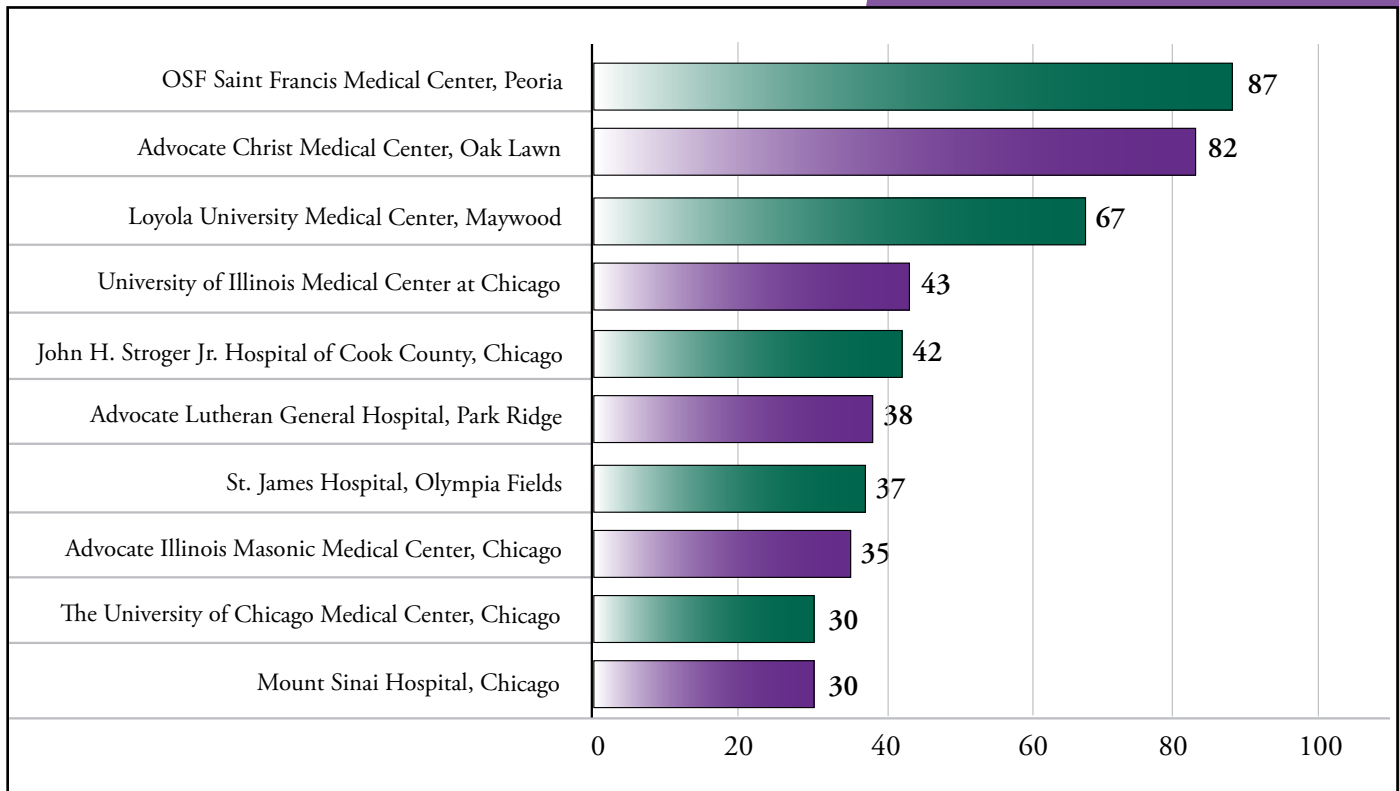
The hospitals where donations provided for the most lifesaving organs transplanted in 2006 is closely related to the hospitals where the greatest number of organ donations took place. The difference lies in the number of organs successfully recovered and transplanted per donor.

The national objective established by CMS for organs transplanted per donor is 3.75. Gift of Hope's rate for 2006 was 3.19, up from 2.95 in 2005. The earlier that potential donors are referred, the more effectively Gift of Hope and hospital professionals can begin the donation process and ultimately optimize organs available for transplantation.

Following are the hospitals whose collaboration with Gift of Hope resulted in the highest number of organs transplanted in 2006:

*Northwestern Memorial Hospital performed successful transplantations with blood type-incompatible living-donor pairs and received Medicare approval for heart transplantation.*

*OSF Saint Francis Medical Center performed more living-relative kidney donations/transplants than in any previous year.*



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### Top 10 hospitals: Tissue donation

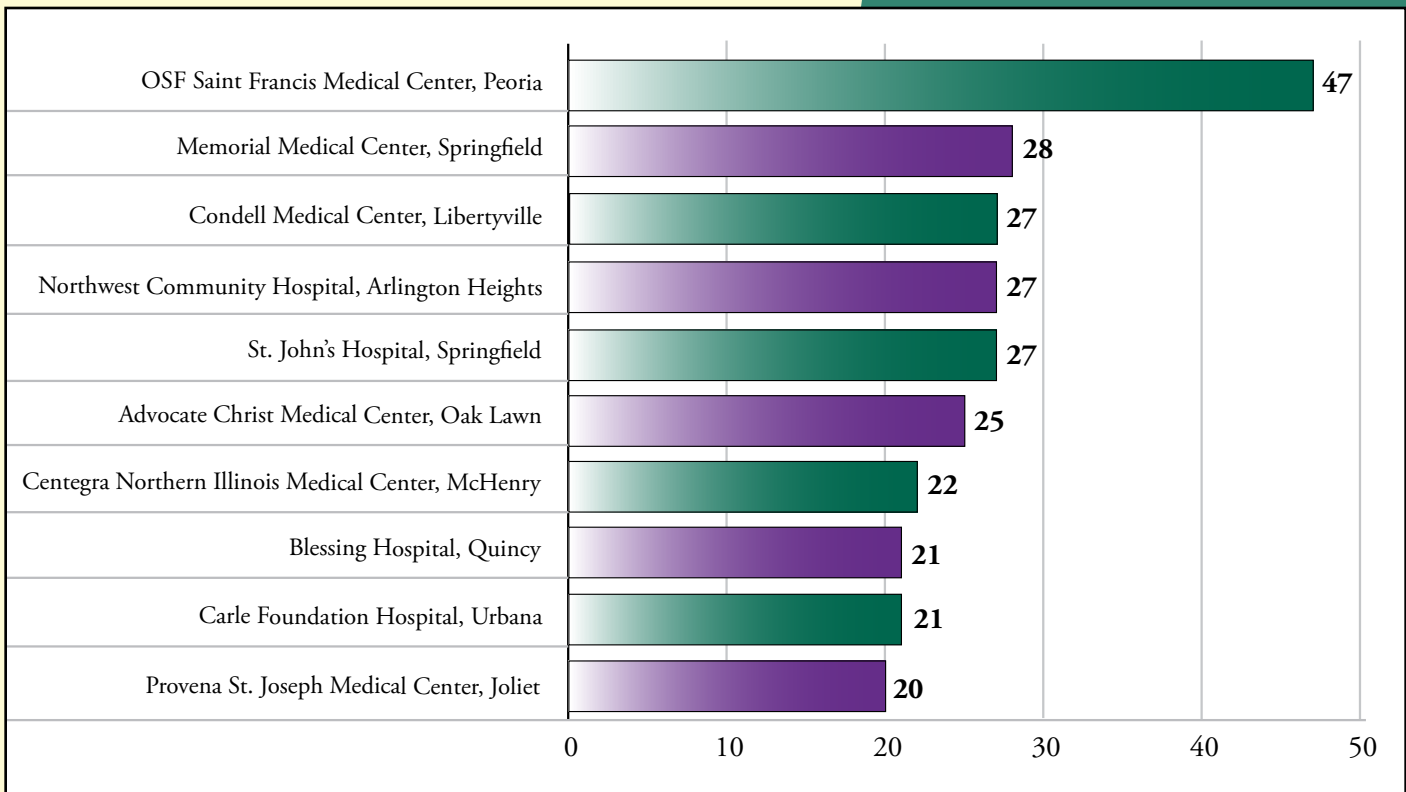
Opportunities for tissue donation are much more frequent than for organ donation, as the potential donor does not need to be on a ventilator. Like organ donation, however, tissue donation begins with a timely referral. When ICU nurses and unit secretaries make early referrals and are prepared to respond to questions about the patient, Gift of Hope can screen potential donors more effectively and ultimately help increase the number of donors who provide life-enhancing cornea, soft and connective tissue, bone, veins, heart valves and skin for patients in need.

Following are the hospitals whose collaboration with Gift of Hope resulted in the highest number of tissue donors in 2006:

*Rush University Medical Center performs the most living cartilage transplants in the Midwest, completing more than 600 in 2006.*

*The University of Chicago Medical Center increased its total combined heart and abdominal organ transplants to 23, the largest number of any transplant center in the world.*

*University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago performed the world's first robotic surgery as part of a living-donor kidney-pancreas transplant and performed Illinois' first living-donor kidney swap.*



# Donation outcomes

Donation success is measured through the following Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services outcome and performance measures for hospitals and organ procurement organizations.

Hospital	Number of organ donors	Number eligible for donation	Donation rate	Timely referral rate	Effective request rate	Number of tissue donors
Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	3
Adventist GlenOaks Hospital	3	4	75%	80%	100%	6
Adventist Hinsdale Hospital	2	4	50%	100%	100%	5
Adventist LaGrange Memorial Hospital	1	6	17%	100%	100%	12
Advocate Bethany Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Advocate Christ Medical Center	20	56	36%	100%	84%	25
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital	8	22	36%	96%	82%	13
Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital	2	6	33%	100%	83%	14
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center	9	17	53%	100%	100%	6
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital	11	16	69%	100%	100%	9
Advocate Ravenswood Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Advocate South Suburban Hospital	2	8	25%	100%	100%	9
Advocate Trinity Hospital	0	4	0%	100%	100%	3
Alexian Brothers Medical Center	5	5	100%	100%	100%	8
Blessing Hospital	6	10	60%	100%	100%	21
BroMenn Regional Medical Center	0	2	0%	100%	100%	*
Carle Foundation Hospital	4	15	27%	100%	100%	21
Carlinville Area Hospital			NA	NA	NA	2
Centegra Memorial Medical Center	0	0	NA	100%	100%	10
Centegra Northern Illinois Medical Center	0	7	0%	100%	100%	22
Central DuPage Hospital	3	11	27%	100%	82%	15
CGH Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	*
Children's Memorial Hospital	5	6	83%	100%	83%	2
Clay County Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Community Hospital of Ottawa			NA	NA	NA	4
The Community Hospital	1	10	10%	100%	83%	15
Community Medical Center of Western Illinois			NA	NA	NA	*
Community Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Condell Medical Center	2	7	29%	83%	83%	27
Crawford Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Decatur Memorial Hospital	4	8	50%	82%	75%	2
Delnor Community Hospital	0	0	NA	100%	NA	10
Dr. John Warner Hospital			NA	N/A	NA	1
Edward Hospital	3	6	50%	96%	83%	19
Elmhurst Memorial Hospital	2	11	18%	100%	57%	11
Eureka Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Evanston Northwestern Hospital	1	2	50%	100%	67%	5
Fayette County Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
Freeport Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	5
Galena-Stauss Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
Galesburg Cottage Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Genesis Medical Center, Illini Campus			NA	NA	NA	6
Gibson Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Glenbrook Northwestern Hospital	0	0	NA	100%	NA	9
Gottlieb Memorial Hospital	0	2	0%	100%	100%	1
Graham Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*

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Hospital						
Hammond-Henry Hospital			NA	NA	NA	5
Highland Park Northwestern Hospital	0	2	0%	100%	50%	8
Hillsboro Area Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Holy Cross Hospital	5	20	25%	73%	69%	6
Holy Family Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	1
Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Hopedale Medical Complex			NA	NA	NA	*
Illiana Surgery and Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	0
Illini Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Illinois Valley Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Ingalls Memorial Hospital	2	7	29%	100%	100%	7
Iroquois Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Jackson Park Hospital	0	4	0%	100%	100%	1
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	0
John & Mary Kirby Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County	11	27	41%	100%	80%	10
Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Kewanee Public Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Kindred Hospital Chicago Central			NA	NA	NA	0
Kindred Hospital Chicago North			NA	NA	NA	2
Kindred Hospital Lakeshore			NA	NA	NA	0
Kindred Hospital Northlake			NA	NA	NA	1
Kindred Hospital Sycamore			NA	NA	NA	1
Kishwaukee Community Hospital	1	1	100%	100%	100%	*
Lake Forest Hospital	1	3	33%	80%	50%	3
LaRabida Children's Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Lawrence County Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Lincoln Park Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers	1	5	20%	100%	100%	7
Loretto Hospital	0	2	0%	NA	NA	1
Loyola University Medical Center	16	40	40%	100%	79%	15
MacNeal Memorial Hospital	1	12	8%	82%	78%	12
Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital & Clinics			NA	NA	NA	0
Mason District Hospital			NA	NA	NA	4
McDonough District Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Memorial Medical Center	9	19	47%	96%	92%	28
Mendota Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Mercer County Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Mercy Harvard Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
Mercy Hospital & Medical Center	3	10	30%	75%	100%	5
Methodist Hospital of Chicago			NA	NA	NA	1
Methodist Hospitals-Northlake	2	6	33%	100%	100%	1
Methodist Hospitals-Southlake	5	13	38%	92%	80%	15

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Methodist Medical Center	1	4	25%	100%	60%	12
Michael Reese Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
Midwestern Regional Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	0
Morris Hospital	0	0	NA	100%	NA	3
Morrison Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Mount Sinai Hospital	8	18	44%	86%	79%	8
Neurologic & Orthopedic Institute of Chicago			NA	NA	NA	0
Northwest Community Hospital	7	20	35%	96%	88%	27
Northwest Suburban Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Northwestern Memorial Hospital	7	30	23%	88%	71%	10
Norwegian American Hospital	2	6	33%	100%	100%	3
Oak Forest Hospital of Cook County			NA	NA	NA	1
Oak Park Hospital			NA	NA	NA	2
OSF Saint Francis Medical Center	24	44	55%	98%	95%	47
OSF St. James Hospital - John W. Albrecht Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	2
OSF St. Joseph Medical Center	2	2	100%	100%	100%	*
Our Lady of Resurrection Medical Center	4	8	50%	100%	88%	9
Palos Community Hospital	0	3	0%	93%	100%	19
Pana Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	2
Paris Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
Passavant Memorial Area Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Pekin Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Perry Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Proctor Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
Provena Covenant Medical Center	1	3	33%	NA	NA	8
Provena Mercy Medical Center	1	2	50%	100%	100%	10
Provena St. Joseph Hospital	1	7	14%	100%	100%	11
Provena St. Joseph Medical Center	3	9	33%	95%	71%	20
Provena St. Mary's Hospital of Kankakee	0	1	0%	100%	100%	2
Provena United Samaritans Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	10
Provident Hospital	1	3	33%	100%	100%	0
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago			NA	NA	NA	0
Resurrection Medical Center	1	6	17%	100%	75%	16
Richland Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	3
Riverside Medical Center	1	6	17%	100%	100%	11
RML Specialty Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
Rochelle Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
Rockford Memorial Hospital	5	22	23%	92%	89%	19
Roseland Community Hospital			NA	NA	NA	3
Rush-Copley Medical Center	1	4	25%	91%	60%	10
Rush North Shore Medical Center	1	4	25%	75%	50%	4
Rush University Medical Center	10	26	38%	85%	84%	9
Sacred Heart Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center			NA	NA	NA	7
Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*

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## Hospital

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Schwab Rehabilitation Center			NA	NA	NA	0
Shelby Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Sherman Hospital	2	5	40%	100%	40%	18
Shriners Children's Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Silver Cross Hospital	0	1	0%	100%	100%	14
South Shore Hospital	1	2	50%	100%	100%	3
St. Alexius Medical Center	2	3	67%	92%	67%	12
St. Anthony Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
St. Anthony Medical Center	0	5	0%	60%	50%	9
St. Anthony Memorial Hospital	0	0	NA	NA	NA	8
St. Bernard Hospital and Healthcare Center	1	3	33%	100%	100%	3
St. Catherine Hospital	0	2	0%	50%	100%	4
St. Elizabeth's Hospital	0	3	0%	100%	100%	4
St. Francis Hospital & Health Center	2	12	17%	89%	89%	9
St. Francis Hospital - Evanston	3	16	19%	83%	83%	12
St. Francis Hospital- Litchfield			NA	NA	NA	0
St. James Hospital - Chicago Heights Campus	1	4	25%	100%	100%	8
St. James Hospital - Olympia Fields Campus	9	20	45%	86%	82%	8
St. John's Hospital	8	17	47%	94%	85%	27
St. Joseph Hospital	0	2	0%	100%	NA	1
St. Margaret Mercy Health Care Centers - North & South	2	6	33%	83%	100%	16
St. Margaret's Hospital			NA	NA	NA	2
St. Mary Medical Center	1	6	17%	83%	75%	12
St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital Center	2	5	40%	100%	60%	4
St. Mary's Hospital - Decatur	0	1	0%	100%	100%	*
St. Mary's Hospital - Streator			NA	NA	NA	9
St. Mary's Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	*
St. Vincent Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
Swedish Covenant Hospital	3	7	43%	100%	71%	7
Thomas H. Boyd Memorial Hospital			NA	NA	NA	1
Thorek Hospital & Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	3
Trinity Medical Center - West	2	5	40%	91%	70%	*
The University of Chicago Medical Center	10	55	18%	94%	65%	11
University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago	14	37	38%	72%	94%	7
US Naval Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
VA Edward Hines, Jr. Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
VA Lakeside Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	0
VA Medical Center			NA	NA	NA	1
Valley West Hospital			NA	NA	NA	*
VanMatre HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital			NA	NA	NA	0
Vista Medical Center East	3	9	33%	75%	71%	7
Weiss Memorial Hospital	5	13	38%	83%	91%	8
West Suburban Hospital Medical Center	0	2	0%	100%	50%	5
Westlake Community Hospital	1	3	33%	100%	100%	3
Non-hospital facilities (coroner, nursing home, etc.)			NA	NA	NA	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>995</b>

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# Accolades

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Congratulations to the Gift of Hope hospital partners recognized for outstanding work in 2006. Two awards in particular demonstrate exceptional activities on behalf of organ/tissue donation: HHS Medal of Honor and the Lifesaving Partners Awards.

## HHS Medal of Honor

On Oct. 19, 2006, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded 21 hospitals in Illinois and northwest Indiana with the national Medal of Honor for their work in saving lives through organ donation. They were among 371 hospitals across the country honored for exemplary leadership and commitment to organ donors, donor families, and the more than 92,000 patients on the national transplant waiting list at that time.

HHS awarded the Medal of Honor to hospitals that achieved a 75% donation rate or higher with eight or more eligible donors during any 12-month period from June 2004 to June 2006. The percentage reflects the rate at which potential donors at the time of death actually become lifesaving donors. Currently, the national average donation rate for all hospitals is about 60 percent.

U.S. Deputy Surgeon General Kenneth P. Moritsugu, MD, MPH, a donor father and husband, personally recognized representatives of the award-winning hospitals along with Gift of Hope at a formal dinner and ceremony at the second annual Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative National Learning Congress in New Orleans. Following are our award-winning hospital partners and the donation rates for which they were honored:

## 2006 Gift of Hope Hospital Partner HHS Medal of Honor Winners

## Highest Donation Rate

• Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove	100%
• Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago	82%
• Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge	100%
• Blessing Hospital, Quincy	100%
• Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana	100%
• Central DuPage Hospital, Winfield	88%
• Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago	78%
• Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood	85%
• Memorial Medical Center, Springfield	88%
• Methodist Hospitals – Northlake, Gary, Ind.	88%
• Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago	93%
• Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago	86%
• OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria	83%
• Provena St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet	75%
• Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago	78%
• St. Francis Hospital, Evanston	90%
• St. James Hospital, Olympia Fields	89%
• St. John's Hospital, Springfield	82%
• Trinity Medical Center, Rock Island	88%
• The University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago	78%
• University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago	80%

# Lifesaving Partners

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A select group of hospital and civic professionals from throughout Illinois and northwest Indiana have been recognized for outstanding achievement in their fields addressing the region's critical need for organ and tissue donation in 2006. Named Lifesaving Partners by Gift of Hope, the honorees were selected from among thousands of hospital, forensic and civic professionals who work to coordinate donation, enable lifesaving transplants, support the families of donors, educate other healthcare professionals and draw public attention to the critical need for donation. The awards were presented at a ceremony hosted by Gift of Hope in Chicago on April 26. The honorees were:

**Blessing Hospital, Quincy**—For its leadership partnering with Gift of Hope to develop and implement best-practice public education and campaigns for hospital staff and the public in 2006.

**OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria**—For overall performance in collaborative practice, process improvements, education and life-giving donation. In 2006, OSF Saint Francis worked with us to achieve the greatest number of organ and tissue donations of all hospitals in our donation service area.

**Provena Health/Provena eICU Connection**—For applying health system innovation to lifesaving donation. In 2006, Provena established the nation's first system-wide eICU establishing the role of telemedicine units in early identification and referral of potential donors.

**Trinity Medical Center, Rock Island**—For best practice in comprehensive education through administration, medical and nursing leadership involvement, as well as public education.

**University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago**—For all-around partnership excellence with Gift of Hope: in collaborative and improvement practice, clinical partnership and support, physician and nursing education, leadership involvement, consistent administrative support and public education.

**Susan Boone, Sangamon County Coroner**—For best practice in partnership with Gift of Hope directing her forensic team, coordinating with states' attorney offices, legal authorities and hospitals; and extending personal leadership and involvement to increase and ensure opportunities for life-giving donation.

**Nancy Daw, RN, MS, The Methodist Hospitals**—For best-practice nursing involvement at the individual level—through consistent, comprehensive and committed personal involvement in addressing referrals, coordinating donation processes and policies, and coordinating hospital staff involvement and support in all aspects of development.

**Johnna Ingersoll, Peoria County Coroner**—For best practice in partnership with Gift of Hope directing her forensic team, coordinating with states' attorney offices, legal authorities and hospitals; and extending personal leadership and involvement to increase and ensure opportunities for life-giving donation.

**Megan Kuck, RN, Medical Intensive Care Unit, Loyola University Medical Center**—For best-practice nursing involvement at the unit level, ensuring improvement through nursing and physician training, education and referrals.

**The Rev. Senator James Meeks, Pastor, Salem Baptist Church of Chicago**—For significantly raising awareness of the need for donation in the African-American community. In partnership with Gift of Hope's African-American Task Force, Salem Baptist Church hosted a "Give 2 Live" event and telethon during April 30 services, which inspired more than 3,000 men and women to register as organ/tissue donors.

**Carol Payson, Director of Patient Care Services, Northwestern Memorial Hospital**—For highest achievement coordinating institutional policy and practice change among hospital leadership, practitioners and committees partnering with Gift of Hope in the donation process—opening the door for new opportunities for donation that will directly save more lives in the future.

**Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White**—For pioneering a national standard among state officeholders in influencing public opinion and increasing public commitment to donation. In partnership with Gift of Hope, his advocacy established legislative support and led to his launch of the state's new donor consent registry in 2006, which to date has registered nearly 2 million Illinoisans as life-giving donors.

# Professional development offerings

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## Call Gift of Hope for your professional development needs

At each of the 183 hospitals in our donation service area, our Hospital Development Coordinators work with administrators, physicians, nurses and allied staff to develop and maintain protocols, analyze data, provide continuing education on the donation process, and follow up on every opportunity for donation, whether realized or missed. To request an in-service or continuing education program for nurses through our Office of Professional and Continuing Education, contact us at **630/758-2838**.

## Mark your calendar!

### April

*National Donate Life Month*

April 17-18  
Organ Donation and Transplantation  
Breakthrough Collaborative  
Learning Session 2  
Atlanta, Ga.  
[www.odbc.org](http://www.odbc.org)

April 21  
Gift of Hope and  
Loyola University Medical Center  
Live Life, Give Life: Best Practices in Organ/Tissue  
Donation and Transplantation  
Maywood, Ill.  
[www.giftofhope.org](http://www.giftofhope.org)

April 23-25  
United Network for Organ Sharing  
Transplant Management Forum  
Washington, D.C.  
[www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org)

### May

May 5-9  
American Society of Transplantation  
American Transplant Congress  
San Francisco, Calif.  
[www.a-s-t.org](http://www.a-s-t.org)

### August

Aug. 1  
National Minority Donor Awareness Day

Aug. 12-15  
NATCO - The Organization for  
Transplant Professionals  
Annual Meeting  
New York, N.Y.  
[www.natco1.org](http://www.natco1.org)

### September

Sept. 17-18  
Transplant Education and Research Institute in  
association with Transplant Management Group  
The Practice of Transplant Administration Workshop  
San Diego, Calif.  
[www.transplantmanagement.com](http://www.transplantmanagement.com)

### October

Oct. 4-6  
International Transplant Nurses Society  
Symposium and General Assembly  
Denver, Colo.  
[www.itns.org](http://www.itns.org)

### November

Nov. 9-11  
National Donor Sabbath

Nov. 11-14  
International Society for  
Organ Donation and Procurement  
2007 Organ Donation Congress  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
[www.isodp2007.org](http://www.isodp2007.org)

# New Illinois donor registry tops 1.5 million in 2006

More than 1.5 million Illinois residents registered in the state's new donor consent registry that was launched in January 2006. During the year, Gift of Hope was honored to carry out the donation wishes of more than 82 organ and/or tissue donors who had registered their decisions in the new registry. An individual who signs up in the new registry is registering his or her legal decision to become an organ and tissue donor after death. Additional witnesses, signatures or decisions from the donor's next-of-kin are not required to honor those wishes, nor is next-of-kin able to override the donor's documented decision to become a donor.

As more people enroll in the registry, more lives will be saved, and more wishes will be honored. Gift of Hope continues to educate its hospital partners about the role of donor consent in the donation process. Your role is critical—beginning with early referrals of potential donors.

In January 2007, Gift of Hope launched Donate Life Illinois, a campaign to encourage at least 3.5 million Illinois residents to donate life—and register in the state's new donor registry by April 2008. It is part of a national effort through Donate Life America to increase to 100 million the number of Americans who have registered as donors in their states.



**For more information,  
visit [www.IAmAreYou.org](http://www.IAmAreYou.org)**

**I am registered. Are you?**



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The logo for Gift of Hope features the words "gift of hope" in a white, lowercase, serif font, with a white arc above the text. Below it, "Organ & Tissue Donor Network" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.  
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