

Honoring Donation in Our Community HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is observed Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, honors the contributions Hispanics have made to American society and culture and celebrates our Mexican and Central American neighbors who commemorate their independence in September and October.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Gift of Hope **honors and recognizes the generosity of Hispanic organ and tissue donors and their families**, and underscores the growing need for and importance of Hispanic organ and tissue donors. We also celebrate Hispanic transplant recipients, medical professionals and partners who help make donation and transplant possible.

Did you know?

Transplants can be successful regardless of the ethnicity of the donor and recipient. However, the chance of longer-term survival may be greater if the donor and recipient are closely matched in terms of their shared genetic background.

The Need is Great

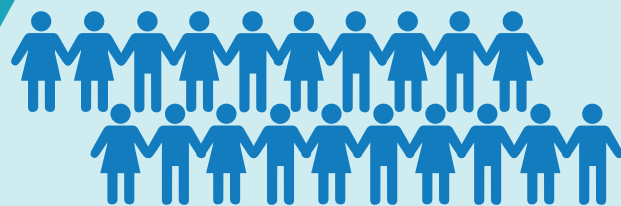
As of July 2020, there are

22,689 | 797

Hispanics on the transplant waiting list



Every **10** minutes another person is added to the waiting list.



20 people die each day because the organs they need are not donated in time.

NATIONALLY

IN ILLINOIS

2019 STATISTICS

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

Organ
Save up to
8 lives

Eye
Restore sight to
2 people

Tissue
Heal more than
75 people

6,707

330

Transplant recipients were Hispanic

1,770

63

Organ donors were Hispanic

6,371

215

Organs recovered from Hispanic patients were from deceased donors



Data from Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) as of July 2020.

Thank you to all donors, donor families, registered donors, transplant recipients, medical professionals and partners for your continued support in increasing awareness for diverse organ and tissue donation.

Register to become an Organ and Tissue Donor at giftofhope.org