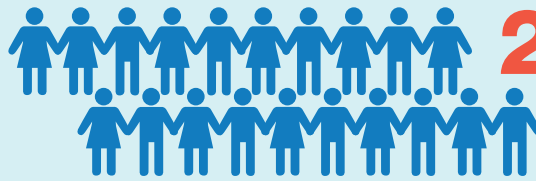


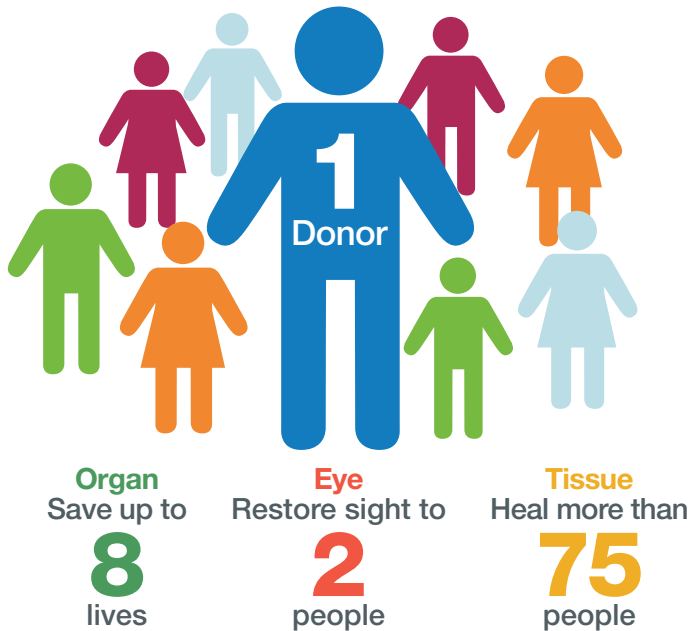
# The Need is Great

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



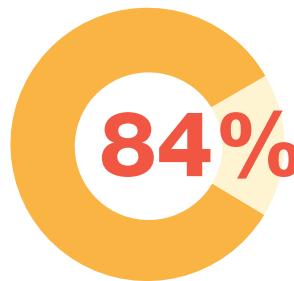
**20** people die each day because the organs they need are not donated in time.

## Deceased Donation

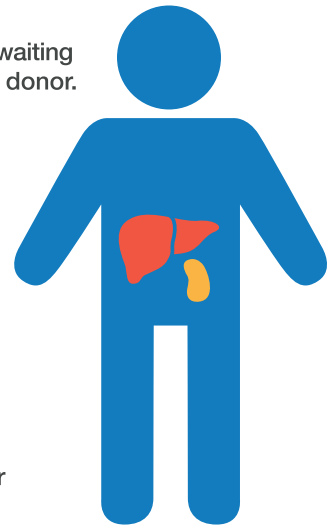


## Living Donation

**3-5** years is the average waiting time for a kidney from a deceased donor.



**84%** of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.



Living donors can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver to a waiting patient.\*

*\*Living donation is not included in your donor registration.*



## Top 5 Frequently Asked Questions

### Does registering as a donor change my patient care?

No, doctors work hard to save the patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is organ donation an option.

### Will I be able to have an open casket funeral if I donate?

An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors.

### Does my religion support organ, eye and tissue donation?

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

### Does my social or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ?

A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on many factors, including: blood type, body size, how sick they are, distance from donor hospital and time on the list. Race, income, gender, celebrity and social status are never considered.

### Why register your decision to be a donor?

You can save up to 8 lives and heal more than 75 people. Your registration also relieves your family of the burden of making the decision at a time of sadness and grief.

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