

NATIONAL
Minority Donor
AWARENESS MONTH



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Organ & Tissue
Donor Network

Multicultural Communities in Donation and Transplantation

National Minority Donor Awareness Month is a collaborative effort by national organizations to save and improve the quality of life of diverse communities by creating a positive culture for organ, eye and tissue donation. The observance stems from National Minority Donor Awareness Week, founded in 1996 by the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) to bring heightened awareness of donation and transplantation in multicultural communities. Now extended to the entire month of August, outreach activities will highlight the need within multicultural communities, provide donation education, encourage donor registration, and promote healthy living and disease prevention to decrease the need for transplantation.

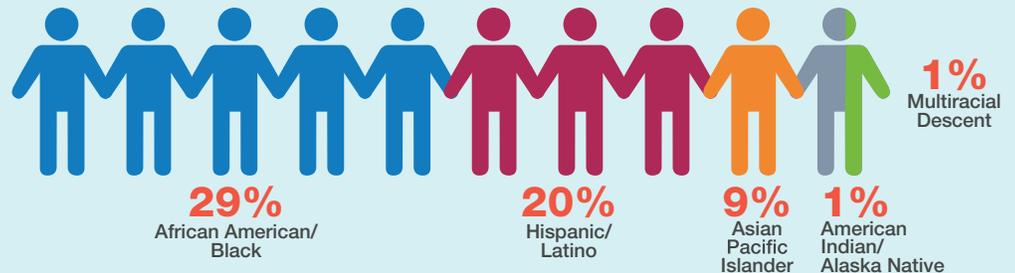
Did You Know?

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.



100,000+ men, women and children await lifesaving organ transplants.

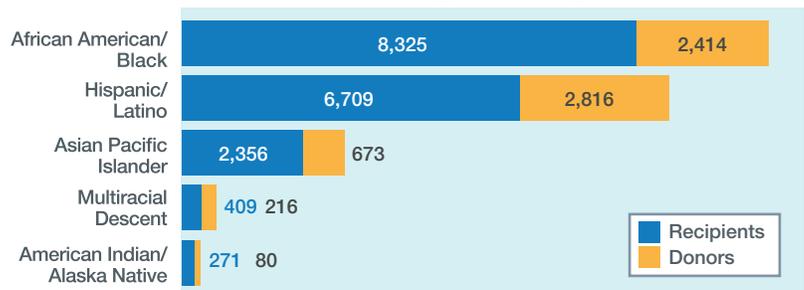
Nearly **60%** of the national transplant waiting list are from multicultural communities.



39,700
organ transplants from
19,300

donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2019.

2019 Multicultural Organ Recipients & Donors



More than **85,000** donated corneas are provided for sight-restoring transplants each year.



More than **1.75** million tissue transplants heal lives each year.

Thank you to all donors, donor families, registered donors and champions of the Donate Life cause. Support across multicultural communities contributed to a milestone year of lives saved and healed!

What can I do to increase organ, eye and tissue donation in my community?



Register at bit.ly/GOHRegister to become an Organ and Tissue Donor or text **COMMIT** to **51555**

Tell your family and friends about your decision to *Donate Life*.

Ask others to visit giftofhope.org to learn more and register.