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**National Donate Life Month: Say yes to organ, eye and tissue donation**

 **[INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME]** is proud to join the National Donate Life Month “Say Yes!” campaign this April, in partnership with Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network, other organizations and advocates throughout Illinois and northwest Indiana.

We encourage everyone to become educated about donation and say yes to registering as an organ, eye & tissue donor today. As a donor, you could save up to eight lives and heal more than 25 people in need of skin grafts, bone or tendon grafts or other donated tissue.

Registering as a donor means that you have documented your wish to save lives when you are gone. It means you can help others walk or see again. It means your family and friends have another way to celebrate your life—as someone who gave the gift of hope to others.

You likely know someone who has benefited from a gift from an organ or tissue donor. Perhaps you or someone you know had surgery for a torn ligament or tendon. You might know someone who was on dialysis and received a new kidney. You may also know that the need for organ donors is especially critical: Another person in need of a lifesaving organ is added to the national waiting list every 9 minutes and many spend years waiting.

We can end the wait. Please take a few minutes today to learn more about donation at [www.giftofhope.org](http://www.giftofhope.org) – and register as a donor.

Throughout April, post your support for organ, tissue and eye donation on social media with the #SayYestoDonation hashtag and tagging @GiftofHope. Help spread the word on social media, honor donors and their families, and encourage others register as organ, tissue and eye donors at [www.giftofhope.org](http://www.giftofhope.org).

Thank you to all who take part in this important celebration!