



The need for minority organ, eye and tissue donors is critical.
Learn the facts and register today to help save and heal more lives.



Upon her husband's sudden death, Monica found hope and relief in the knowledge that Marcus was a candidate for organ donation. Monica says she hopes the community can see through the myths that surround organ donation and realize that people are alive today because her husband was a donor. Monica says she feels as if Marcus is living on in the lives of those he helped.

The need for minority organ, eye and tissue donors like Marcus is critical. Nearly 60% of men, women and children waiting for lifesaving organ transplants are from minority communities—disproportionately affected by chronic kidney disease, diabetes and heart disease and other conditions that can lead to the need for an organ transplant.

August is National Minority Donor Awareness Month. [\[INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME\]](#) joins Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network and communities throughout Illinois and Indiana to share the facts about the urgent need and the important decision to register as a life-giving donor.

- Compatible blood types and tissue markers—critical qualities for donor/recipient matching—are more likely to be found among members of the same ethnicity.
- A greater diversity of donors can increase access to transplantation for everyone.
- The chance of longer-term survival also may be greater if the donor and recipient share a similar genetic background.

When you say yes to being an organ and tissue donor it means the world to those waiting for a new chance at life. One donor can save up to eight lives, restore sight in up to two people through eye donation and heal more than 75 people through tissue donation.

Together, we are one voice with one vision: to save and heal more lives.

Learn about donation. Register as a donor. Talk to your family today.

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