#### MARLENY - KIDNEY RECIPIENT READING, PA



After a year of suffering with irreversible kidney damage, Marleny received a life-saving kidney transplant from a loved one who was willing to be a living donor. She is now determined to help others by being an advocate for organ and tissue donation.

# **THE NEED IS GREAT**



More than **8,000** men, women and children in Pennsylvania await life-saving organ transplants.

95% of us say we support organ donation, but in Pennsylvania, only 46% are actually registered as organ and tissue donors.

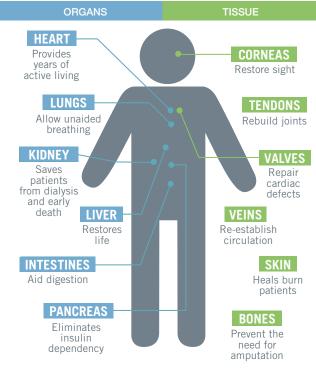


**18 HRS** Someone in PA dies every 18 hours waiting for a life-saving organ that never comes.

More than half of the national transplant waiting list is made up of multicultural populations. Although it is possible for a

candidate to match a donor from another racial or ethnic group, transplant success rates increase when organs are matched between members of the same ethnic background.

# WHAT CAN BE DONATED?



#### REGISTER TO BE AN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR AT

#### DONATELIFEPA.ORG/REGISTRATION

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Share your life-affirming decision to register with family, friends, co-workers and community members. Ask them to consider doing the same.
- Help us continue to raise awareness about organ and tissue donation by making contributions directly to The Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund. Add a contribution to your license or vehicle registration fee or contribute a small portion of your state income tax refund. (Ask your tax preparer how to do so.)

#### WANT TO HELP EVEN MORE? CONSIDER BECOMING A LIVING DONOR

• A kidney or part of the liver from a living donor offers patients an alternative to years of dialysis and time on the national transplant waiting list. For more information about living donation, visit DonateLifePA.org.

#### HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?

#### **1. WAITING FOR A TRANSPLANT**



When someone's organ is failing, he or she is placed on the national organ transplant waiting list. The list is very long, and not everyone survives while waiting for an organ.

Blood Type
Body Size
How Sick
Donor Distance
Tissue Type
Time on List

The national system finds potential matches between a donated organ

#### 2. MATCH FOUND

and someone on the waiting list. Race, celebrity, gender, income and social status are never considered.

#### 3. LIFE SAVED

Once a match is found, the patient is contacted by his or her transplant team.

> The organ is recovered from the deceased donor with care and respect, and transported to a hospital for transplantation.



# HERE'S THE TRUTH

# MYTH 1:

Doctors won't work hard to save my life if they know I'm a registered organ donor.

## **MYTH 2:**

Major religions don't support organ donation.

### **MYTH 3**:

I am too old or sick to register to be a donor.

TAKE 30 SECONDS AND GET ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF Organ and tissue donation. Register today and Check the box at donatelifepa.org/registration.



Medical teams will do everything in their power to save your life. Also, transplant teams are separate from medical teams.



Actually, most major organized religions not only support organ donation but view it as the greatest gift.



Age or past medical history does not affect your ability to register to be a donor.



Lukeman, an active father of three boys, has been sidelined for over a year due to kidney failure. He can no longer play sports with his sons due to the cramping, swelling and severe exhaustion brought on by his daily dialysis treatments. Lukeman is one of thousands of people in Pennsylvania in need of a life-saving kidney transplant.

It only takes 30 seconds to make a difference that will last a lifetime. Become an organ and tissue donor today. → Check the box today at ← DONATELIFEPA.ORG/REGISTRATION



# CHECK THE BOX.







Brittany Heart recipient Erie, PA