

KNOW THE FACTS



FACT:

Organ donation is only possible after all lifesaving measures have been taken. Medical teams will do everything in their power to save your life. Also, transplant teams are separate from medical teams.

FACT:

Most major organized religions support organ, tissue and cornea donation. Many view it as the greatest gift and a final act of charity.



FACT:

Any person of any age or with a medical condition can be considered as an organ, cornea and tissue donor. At the time of your death, medical professionals will determine what you can donate.

FACT:

Donor families do not pay for the costs of donation.

FACT:

One person can save up to 8 lives with organ donation and enhance the lives of 50 more with tissue and cornea donation.



VISIT WWW.DONATELIFEVW.ORG
TO LEARN MORE. THEN, CHECK THE BOX
TO REGISTER AS A DONOR.



Nancy Jividen
– donor mother

Nancy Jividen's son Shane died in an ATV crash, but she is proud that his legacy lives on. Today, other people have a second chance at life because Shane donated his heart, his liver and his corneas.

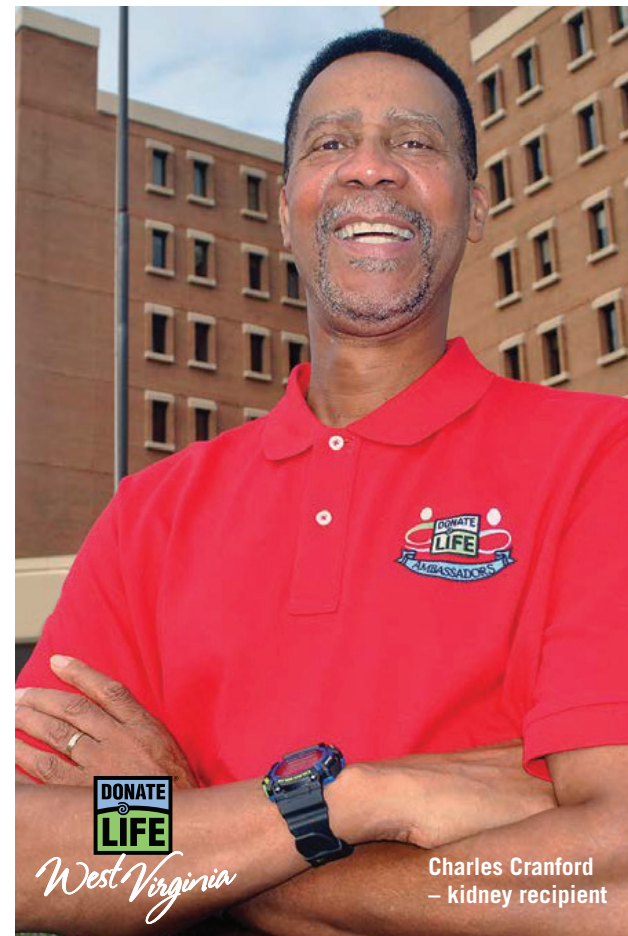
Check the box at your local DMV
or register online at
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REGISTER TO BE AN ORGAN,
TISSUE AND
CORNEA DONOR TODAY

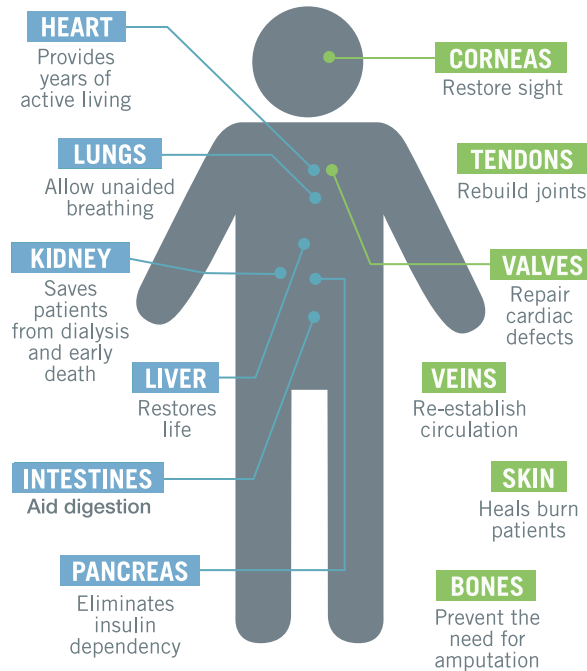


Charles Cranford
– kidney recipient

WHAT CAN BE DONATED?

ORGANS

TISSUE



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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Register at your local DMV or online today. Share your life-affirming decision to register with family, friends, co-workers and community members. Ask them to consider doing the same.
- While living donation is not included when you register, 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 donatelifewv.net.



Keven "Blake" Foster
– liver recipient

Blake Foster's mom Tammy describes her 10-year-old as a "crackerjack" who loves the great outdoors. But life was much different when Blake was diagnosed with a liver tumor in 2009. He received a transplant, and has since recovered. "I'm thankful he's able to be a normal kid," Tammy says.

THE NEED IS GREAT



More than
119,000
People are waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S.

Nearly 500

West Virginians are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, and thousands more are in need of a tissue or cornea transplant.

Every 10 minutes

Someone new is added to the national organ transplant list.



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People die each day for lack of an available organ.

ORGAN DONATION: HOW DOES IT 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 a donor.



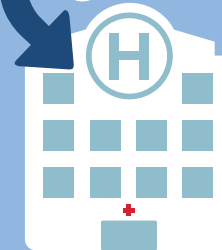
The national system finds potential matches between a donated organ and someone on the waiting list. Race, celebrity, gender, income and social status are never considered.

2. MATCH FOUND

3. LIFE SAVED



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



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