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2025 National Donate Life Month

Flag Raising Remarks

***Note for Customization:** This toolkit is designed to help promote organ, cornea, and tissue donation. The URLs provided use [core.org/register](https://www.core.org/register), but you can customize them to fit your audience by using links like your hospital's registration page, [registerme.org/dlpa](https://www.registerme.org/dlpa) in Pennsylvania, or [registerme.org/wv](https://www.registerme.org/wv) in West Virginia. Adjust as needed.*

I'm [NAME], the [TITLE] here at [HOSPITAL NAME].

[HOSPITAL NAME] is proud to partner with CORE, the Center for Organ Recovery & Education, during National Donate Life Month.

In just a few moments, we will join thousands of hospitals across the country in raising a Donate Life flag. This flag honors donors, celebrates recipients who have been given the gift of life, and kicks off National Donate Life Month with a powerful symbol of hope and renewal. The Donate Life flag was first introduced in 2006 and has since become a national symbol of unity, remembrance, and inspiration. Over the past 19 years, more than 50,000 Donate Life flags have flown across the nation.

This year's National Donate Life Month theme, "**Let Life Sing**," is inspired by the uplifting songs of birds. Much like a bird's song signals hope after the darkest night, the decision to become an organ, tissue, and cornea donor brings light and renewal to those in need.

Every donor becomes a melody in the lives of others, offering a second chance at life for the 100,000 people currently on the national transplant waiting list. Donation is a harmonious act of compassion, and together, we create a symphony of hope that echoes through our communities.

Here at [HOSPITAL NAME], we are committed to offering hope for second chances through life-saving and life-restoring transplants. We provide comfort to grieving donor families, knowing their loved ones' legacies live on through the incredible gift of donation.



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And just as birds navigate vast journeys, we've traveled lightyears in our understanding of organ, tissue, and cornea donation. Every day, our work supports life, honors donors, and enriches our community. Donors are truly the wings that lift others toward brighter futures. Yet, the need remains great. Right now, more than 100,000 people are waiting for a life-saving transplant, including ... **[nearly 500 in West Virginia] OR [more than 7,000 in Pennsylvania].**

As we leave here today, I encourage each of you to continue being part of this life-saving and healing journey:

1. Champion the Donate Life cause by helping to inspire others to sign up as organ, tissue, and cornea donors.
2. Speak to at least one person this month about the importance of donation. If they're not already signed up, encourage them to take this life-changing step at **[core.org/register](https://www.core.org/register)**.
3. Remind them to share their decision with their loved ones.

Thank you for your continued dedication to promoting organ, tissue, and cornea donation. Your presence today shows your commitment to this cause, not just during April, but every day of the year.

Let's raise the Donate Life flag together and celebrate the hope, healing, and harmony that donation brings.

Happy Donate Life Month, everyone!