



REACHING **NEW HEIGHTS**

2021 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



OUR MISSION

Donor Network West saves and heals lives through organ and tissue donation for transplantation and research.

OUR VISION

To be the industry leader of organ and tissue procurement with compassionate support and service.



ABOUT **DONOR NETWORK WEST**

Donor Network West is the federally designated nonprofit organprocurement organization for northern California and northern Nevada. Established in 1987, we serve more than 13 million people, connecting donor's gifts to patients waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. We are able to carry out our mission of saving and healing lives thanks to our partnership with 175 hospitals, doctors, nurses, more than 500 funeral homes and 44 coroners and medical examiners. Donor Network West is proud to be a Donate Life organization and a member of Donate Life California and Donate Life Nevada.



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TOGETHER WE DID THE IMPOSSIBLE

Dear Friends,

2021 continued to be a year of heart! Together with our DNWest team and our generous community of organ, eye and tissue supporters and ambassadors, we continued to save and heal more lives. In fact, in 2021, we honored the gift of life from 390 organ donors resulting in 1,156 organs transplanted. Of the 390 organ donors, 228 were multiethnic organ donors, the most multiethnic organ donors we have help give the gift of life in one single year than ever before. This is significant because minorities represent more than 60 percent of the national transplant waiting list. By reducing the number of minorities on the waiting list and registering more minorities to become organ donors, everyone has a better chance of receiving an organ transplant and ultimately more lives can be saved. We also recovered 2,302 tissues for transplantation and 4,766 samples for research.

The work we did in 2021 was a result of many hands in particular our teams working throughout our donation service area and our faithful and committed Donate Life Ambassadors. In 2021, our teams did some amazing work. We launched We Speak Life, a short film that candidly addresses the historical mistrust of organ and tissue donation within the Black community. And, we unveiled of a new mural in San Jose's SoFa district titled, "The Offering," honoring two young local San Jose donors, Nancy Gutierrez and Brandon Castellanos, who both gave the gift of life through organ and tissue donation. The mural was strategically placed in Santa Clara County because it has the longest list of patients waiting for an organ donation in Northern California with more than 1,400 people on the waiting list.

This is just one of the many programs our teams executed to help raise awareness about organ, eye and tissue donation. We are proud of the work we were able to accomplish in 2021 and look forward to an even stronger 2022.

Thank you again to all of you for everything you do to help us continue to fulfill our mission of saving and healing lives through organ and tissue donation for transplantation and research. Please continue to advocate for organ, eye and tissue donation, share your stories and communicate your wishes with your loved ones. Together we can do the impossible and one day eliminate the organ transplant waiting list.

With gratitude,

Janice F. Whaley

President and CEO

ELLA CHAMNESS KIDNEY RECIPIENT

Just before her second birthday, Ella was diagnosed with a urological condition that increased her chances of getting urinary tract infections. While it was good to have an accurate diagnosis, it came too late. Ella had stage III renal disease as the result of kidney scarring from the undiagnosed kidney infections. For six years, Ella and her family managed her declining kidney function by hydration (up to 3.5 liters of fluid a day), blood tests, avoiding foods high in potassium and medicine. However, her renal function continued to deteriorate. By the middle of 1st grade, Ella's kidney function was so poor that she needed to either start dialysis or get a preemptive transplant. Luckily, Ella's mom volunteered to be her donor. The transplant was a success and now Ella lives like a normal kid. She has regained her spark and is able to thrive in school.



“A transplant gave me a second chance at life and I intend to live my life to the fullest.”

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Year in Review

In 2021, we honored the wishes of our donors, gave transplant recipients a second chance at life and hope to those who wait.



390

ORGAN DONORS



4,800

SAMPLES FOR RESEARCH



1,156

ORGANS TRANSPLANTED



2,302

TISSUES RECOVERED

FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH

SELAH KITCHINER LIVER RECIPIENT

At just thirteen years old, Selah Kitchiner was diagnosed with liver failure. At the same time, her loving father was battling cancer for the second time. A month into fighting liver failure, she received the crushing news that her father had passed away. Two weeks after the loss of her father, Kitchiner received the life-saving call from UCSF that a liver was available for transplant. As Kitchiner recovered, she continued to work towards her goal of being accepted into her dream college, the University of Southern California (USC), where she is now completing her degree in psychology on the pre-medicine track. Despite her challenging journey, Kitchiner has continued to thrive after receiving her liver transplant.



ORGAN DONATION

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Donor Network West continued its life-saving work coordinating 390 organ donors; resulting in 1,156 organs transplanted. In 2021, Donor Network West also helped more multiethnic donors give the gift of life than ever before.

390
ORGAN DONORS

1,156
ORGANS TRANSPLANTED

597 KIDNEYS | **248** LIVERS | **160** LUNGS | **121** HEARTS
28 PANCREAS | **1033** CORNEAS

“I am beyond grateful for my transplant and all of the opportunities that I have been given, and plan on carrying on the legacy of all those who were not as fortunate as me.”



MULTIETHNIC ORGAN DONORS

228 multiethnic organ donors

122 Hispanic organ donors a **47%** increase since 2018

45 Asian American organ donors a **68%** increase since 2018

36 African American organ donors a **57%** increase since 2018 and an **83%** increase in authorization for donation





Tissue Donation

In 2021 the Tissue Operations Team had a record performance year impacting more lives than ever before. Despite some significant challenges presented by the ongoing COVID pandemic, our compassionate and knowledgeable Donation Coordinators fielded tens of thousands of donor referrals and spoke with thousands of families about the opportunity to donate, providing hope and solace to those in immense grief. Additionally, the Tissue Recovery team surgically recovered more life-saving gifts from heroic tissue donors than ever before. These gifts included corneas to heal cornea blindness, skin for burn victims, musculoskeletal tissues to restore mobility and cardiovascular tissues to restore normal blood flow to patients. We are looking forward to continuing to build upon our successes in 2022.

FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH

ALEX ANDERSON ORGAN DONOR

Friday, Sept. 10 would have been Alex Anderson's 40th birthday. Anderson died in May 2020 and is survived by an extended network of family and friends, many of whom live in the Reno, Nevada area. An athlete and avid skier, Anderson was a registered organ donor and saved the lives of four people through organ donation.



"Alex's gift to our family, as well as to the people he donated four of his vital organs to – his heart, liver and kidneys – was that he made this decision on his own, self-selecting himself as an organ donor when he registered at the DMV. Through his own compassion and thoughtfulness, he gave four people a second chance."

- Dawn Tindal, Anderson's mom



**2,304
TISSUES
RECOVERED**

2151 SKIN TISSUES

1030 CORNEAS

965 BONES (Musculoskeletal)

276 HEART VALVES



ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONATION SUPPORTS IMPORTANT CLINICAL RESEARCH

Donor Network West continued to support advancing important clinical research by joining four other Organ Procurement Organizations as a founding member to fund the launch of the Biostasis Research Institute (BRI). The launch of BRI established and funded two new research centers at Massachusetts General Hospital and the University of Minnesota aimed at creating human organ banks through the cryogenic storage of donor organs for transplantation.

These two research centers will develop new technologies to store tissues, organs, and whole organisms for biomedical research as part of a larger “Apollo Program” in cryo-preservation (extreme cold storage) and suspended animation (safely slowing and stopping biological processes).



Research

In 2021 Donor Network West continued its work to provide research samples to scientists in the U.S. The gifts provided by our authorized donors will be the cornerstone for new treatments for various diseases and will help save lives for years to come.



4,800
SAMPLES
FOR RESEARCH

SOME OF OUR PARTNERS INCLUDE

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

CHAN ZUCKERBERG INSTITUTE

SCRIPPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

STANFORD MEDICAL CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

UCSF MEDICAL CENTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS (DARTMOUTH)

Donor Network West is dedicated to working in close partnership with researchers in academic medical centers, hospitals, universities and biotechnology centers to advance the field of research through organ and tissue donations.

Community Education & Outreach

Throughout 2021, Donor Network West continued its community education and outreach efforts to reach all communities throughout our donation service area, in particular communities of color, about the vital importance of organ, eye and tissue donation for transplantation and research. The community team worked in partnership with our committed team of Donate Life Ambassadors to continue to share stories of the generous spirit of our donors, the second chances recipients are experiencing because of their donors and the continued hope of those that still wait on our social media channels and digitally.



Great Reno Balloon Races



Donate Life Run/Walk | Team Las Amigas



San Jose Earthquakes with Penelope



San Jose Mural Unveiling

We Speak Life Documentary Short Film

In February 2021, in celebration of Black History Month, Donor Network West premiered *We Speak Life*, a short film that candidly addresses the historical mistrust of organ and tissue donation within the Black community. The film features a diversity of Black voices aimed at addressing the health disparities—high blood pressure, diabetes, stroke, and obesity—that disproportionately affect the Black community, which has resulted in an overrepresentation of Black patients on transplant waiting lists across the U.S.

As the first short film offering by Donor Network West, *We Speak Life* seeks to facilitate more conversations within the Black community about healthy activities and preventative care to reduce the risk of chronic diseases and how organ and tissue donation can help save and heal lives. The film is also a call to action to encourage more Blacks to register to become organ donors.

San Jose Mural in SoFa District Honors Local Organ Donors

On November 1, 2021 in celebration of Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead, Donor Network West unveiled a new mural in San Jose's SoFA district titled, "The Offering," honoring two young local San Jose donors, Nancy Gutierrez and Brandon Castellanos, who both gave the gift of life through organ and tissue donation. The 15 by 120 foot mural pays tribute to two young Hispanic donors and is part of an initiative to start a conversation about organ donation within the San Jose community. The mural ties in familiar Hispanic imagery including lotería cards and marigolds which are normally used during Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead – a traditional Mexican holiday celebrating the lives of loved ones who have passed observed on the first and second of November.

Through our partnership with local businesses, the San Jose Downtown Association was able to secure the location of the mural at Higher Fire, a local teaching studio and ceramics gallery in San Jose's SoFA district. Local Color San Jose, a woman powered non-profit connecting artists to fair-pay opportunities, approached and secured local artist Roberto Romo to bring the mural to life.



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HOSPITAL PERFORMANCE DATA

Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Donor Network West continued its life-saving mission, recovering 1,156 organs for transplant from 390 organ donors. In addition, 2,302 people said “yes” to tissue donation. Through the generosity of these donors and their families, partner hospitals, coroners, and funeral homes, thousands of lives were saved and improved.

Regional and Partner

	Potential Organ Donors	Organ Donors	Organ Transplants	Tissue Donors
BAY AREA REGION	421	211	670	1079
15-24 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Regional Medical Center of San Jose	38	21	67	32
Highland Hospital	29	13	47	26
John Muir Medical Center Walnut Creek Campus	27	16	56	60
Eden Medical Center	26	15	61	17
Stanford Health Care	25	15	50	41
15-24 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
California Pacific Medical Center Van Ness Campus	21	10	31	25
Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center	19	9	26	29
Santa Clara Valley Medical Center	17	10	26	19
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Redwood City	16	8	32	21
5-14 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System	13	5	16	29
Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford	12	3	8	3
UCSF Medical Center Parnassus Campus	12	5	11	32
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Santa Clara	10	2	10	29
Dominican Hospital	9	4	10	23
El Camino Health, Mountain View Hospital	9	5	14	24
NorthBay Medical Center	8	3	9	26
Kaiser Foundation Hospital San Jose	8	5	16	18
Natividad Medical Center	8	4	21	13
John Muir Medical Center Concord Campus	7	4	12	33
Kaiser Foundation Hospital San Leandro	7	2	1	12
St. Rose Hospital	7	3	7	17
UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland	7	3	16	1
Washington Hospital	7	4	14	28
Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula	6	2	6	25
Mills-Peninsula Medical Center	6	3	6	24
Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Summit Campus	5	2	3	17
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Oakland	5	3	7	17
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Vacaville	5	1	3	21
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Vallejo	5	3	12	20
MarinHealth Medical Center	5	5	8	23
Queen of the Valley Medical Center	5	2	5	18
0-4 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Sutter Delta Medical Center	4	0	0	17
Good Samaritan Hospital	4	2	3	29
California Pacific Medical Center Mission Bernal Hospital	4	3	11	4
Adventist Health St. Helena	3	2	6	12
Alta Bates Summit Medical Center (Ashby) Alta Bates Campus	2	0	0	5
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Fremont	2	1	4	16
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Richmond	2	2	6	9
San Ramon Regional Medical Center	2	1	6	14
St. Louise Regional Hospital	2	2	2	7
Kaiser Foundation Hospital South San Francisco	2	2	4	5
Seton Medical Center	2	1	0	19
Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare Medical Center	1	1	6	26

Regional and Partner

	Potential Organ Donors	Organ Donors	Organ Transplants	Tissue Donors
0-4 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital	1	1	2	3
O'Connor Hospital	1	1	0	20
Watsonville Community Hospital	1	0	0	12
California Pacific Medical Center Davies Campus	1	1	2	5
Novato Community Hospital	1	0	0	2
Sequoia Hospital	1	0	0	5
UCSF Medical Center at Mission Bay	1	1	7	1
Ace Home Health Care & Hospice, Inc.	0	0	0	0
Alameda County Coroner	0	0	0	0
Alameda Hospital	0	0	0	3
Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Herrick Campus	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa County Coroner	0	0	0	3
Contra Costa Regional Medical Center	0	0	0	2
David Grant Medical Center	0	0	0	1
Fairmont Hospital	0	0	0	0
Fremont Hospital	0	0	0	0
General: California	0	0	0	5
Grace Hospice	0	0	0	0
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Antioch	0	0	0	8
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Walnut Creek	0	0	0	24
Kindred Hospital SF Bay Area	0	0	0	4
Livermore VA Nursing Home Care Center	0	0	0	0
NorthBay VacaValley Hospital	0	0	0	7
San Leandro Hospital	0	0	0	4
Solano County Coroner	0	0	0	11
Sutter Solano Hospital	0	0	0	0
Vitas Healthcare	0	0	0	0
El Camino Health, Los Gatos Hospital	0	0	0	3
Mee Memorial Hospital	0	0	0	0
Monterey County Coroner	0	0	0	1
San Luis Obispo County Coroner	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara County Medical Examiner	0	0	0	1
VA - Veterans Administration Palo Alto Health Care System	0	0	0	4
Chinese Hospital	0	0	0	0
Healdsburg Hospital	0	0	0	3
Kaiser Foundation Hospital San Francisco	0	0	0	13
Kaiser Foundation Hospital San Rafael	0	0	0	4
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Santa Rosa	0	0	0	14
Kentfield Hospital San Francisco	0	0	0	0
Kentfield Rehabilitation & Specialty Hospital	0	0	0	0
Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehab Center	0	0	0	0
Marin County Coroner	0	0	0	1
Mills Health Center	0	0	0	0
Napa County Coroner	0	0	0	3
Petaluma Valley Hospital	0	0	0	0
Saint Francis Memorial Hospital	0	0	0	3

Regional and Partner

	Potential Organ Donors	Organ Donors	Organ Transplants	Tissue Donors
0-4 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
San Mateo County Coroner	0	0	0	2
San Mateo Medical Center	0	0	0	1
Seton Medical Center Coastsides	0	0	0	0
Sonoma County Coroner	0	0	0	9
Sonoma Specialty Hospital	0	0	0	1
Sonoma Valley Hospital	0	0	0	3
St. Mary's Medical Center San Francisco	0	0	0	2
UCSF Medical Center Mount Zion Campus	0	0	0	0
VA - San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center	0	0	0	5
VA - Veterans Administration Hospital Menlo Park	0	0	0	0
NEVADA REGION	77	49	112	252
25+ POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Renown Regional Medical Center	56	7	90	163
15-24 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center	11	4	13	37
5-14 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Northern Nevada Medical Center	5	1	7	27
0-4 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
		1		
Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center	4	0	0	0
Carson Valley Medical Center	1	0	2	3
Banner Churchill Community Hospital	0	0	0	5
Carson Tahoe Continuing Care Hospital	0	0	0	0
General: Nevada	0	0	0	1
Humboldt General Hospital	0	0	0	3
Mount Grant General Hospital	0	0	0	0
PAM Health Specialty Hospital of Sparks	0	0	0	0
Renown South Meadows Medical Center	0	0	0	13
VA - Reno VA (VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System)	0	0	0	0
NORCAL REGION	46	25	66	234
15-24 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Mercy Medical Center Redding	16	7	24	53
5-14 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Enloe Medical Center	14	6	18	54
Oroville Hospital	5	5	9	16
Shasta Regional Medical Center	5	4	9	26
0-4 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
St. Joseph Hospital Eureka	3	2	6	26
Adventist Health Ukiah Valley	2	1	0	5
St. Elizabeth Community Hospital	1	0	0	9
Adventist Health Clear Lake	0	0	0	6
Adventist Health Howard Memorial	0	0	0	1
Adventist Health Mendocino Coast	0	0	0	2
Banner Lassen Medical Center	0	0	0	4
Butte County Coroner	0	0	0	0
Eastern Plumas Hospital Portola Campus	0	0	0	0
Fairchild Medical Center	0	0	0	7

Regional and Partner

	Potential Organ Donors	Organ Donors	Organ Transplants	Tissue Donors
0-4 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Glenn Medical Center	0	0	0	0
Humboldt County Coroner (CA)	0	0	0	1
Jerold Phelps Community Hospital	0	0	0	0
Mad River Community Hospital	0	0	0	5
Mammoth Hospital	0	0	0	0
Mayers Memorial Hospital	0	0	0	2
Mercy Hospice Mt. Shasta	0	0	0	0
Mercy Hospice Redding	0	0	0	0
Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta	0	0	0	4
Modoc Medical Center	0	0	0	0
Orchard Hospital	0	0	0	0
Plumas District Hospital	0	0	0	0
Redwood Memorial Hospital	0	0	0	1
Seneca District Hospital	0	0	0	0
Shasta County Coroner	0	0	0	1
Southern Inyo Hospital	0	0	0	0
Surprise Valley Community Hospital	0	0	0	0
Sutter Coast Home Care	0	0	0	0
Sutter Coast Hospital	0	0	0	6
Sutter Lakeside Hospital	0	0	0	4
Trinity Hospital	0	0	0	0
Vibra Hospital of Northern California	0	0	0	1
VALLEY REGION	235	105	308	739
25+ POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Community Regional Medical Center	65	29	85	95
Doctors Medical Center Modesto	49	20	61	68
15-24 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Kaweah Health	19	11	40	58
San Joaquin General Hospital	19	12	36	17
5-14 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
St. Joseph's Medical Center of Stockton	11	3	7	39
Memorial Medical Center	9	5	15	42
Valley Children's Hospital	8	6	23	4
Clovis Community Medical Center	7	2	2	34
Saint Agnes Medical Center	7	2	4	50
Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center	6	3	7	14
0-4 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
French Hospital Medical Center	4	2	6	15
Sierra View Medical Center	4	0	0	12
Adventist Health Lodi Memorial	4	1	5	18
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Modesto	4	2	4	17
Adventist Health Hanford	3	0	0	13
Adventist Health Sonora	3	1	3	15
Dameron Hospital	3	1	2	18
Emanuel Medical Center	3	2	2	23
Mercy Medical Center Merced	2	1	3	17

Regional and Partner

	Potential Organ Donors	Organ Donors	Organ Transplants	Tissue Donors
0-4 POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS				
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Fresno	1	0	0	22
Madera Community Hospital	1	0	0	6
Northern Inyo Hospital	1	1	0	0
Twin Cities Community Hospital	1	1	3	7
Sutter Tracy Community Hospital	1	0	0	6
Adventist Health Reedley	0	0	0	7
Adventist Health Selma	0	0	0	4
Adventist Health Tulare	0	0	0	12
Arroyo Grande Community Hospital	0	0	0	3
Central Valley General Hospital	0	0	0	0
Chowchilla Skilled Nursing Facility	0	0	0	0
Coalinga Regional Medical Center	0	0	0	1
Community Subacute and Transitional Care Center	0	0	0	0
Fresno County Coroner	0	0	0	20
Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital	0	0	0	2
Kings County Coroner	0	0	0	0
Madera County Coroner	0	0	0	1
Memorial Hospital Los Banos	0	0	0	6
Merced County Coroner	0	0	0	3
VA - Central California Health Care System (VA Fresno)	0	0	0	6
Calaveras County Coroner	0	0	0	0
Central Valley Specialty Hospital	0	0	0	2
Community Hospice	0	0	0	0
Doctors Hospital of Manteca	0	0	0	9
John C. Fremont Healthcare District	0	0	0	1
Kaiser Foundation Hospital Manteca	0	0	0	6
Oak Valley District Hospital	0	0	0	3
San Joaquin County Medical Examiner	0	0	0	1
Stanislaus County Coroner	0	0	0	42
Duplicates and Errors	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	779	390	1156	2305

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