

Donate Life Month

Myths & Facts

1 ORGAN DONOR CAN SAVE UP TO



8 LIVES

100,000+

are waiting for an organ transplant in the United States.

EVERY 10 MINUTES

another person is added to the national transplant waitlist

LESS THAN 1%

of all deaths meet the specific medical criteria to be an organ donor.

22 people

die every day waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.

in **2022**

415

ORGAN DONORS

6,077

SAMPLES FOR RESEARCH

2,051

TISSUES RECOVERED

1,260

ORGANS TRANSPLANTED

MYTH:

I'm too old and too sick to be a donor.

TRUTH:

Anyone of any age or health condition can register to be a donor. Upon death, let the medical professionals decide if you are an eligible donor.

MYTH:

If I'm in a life-threatening car accident, the paramedics won't save me if I'm a registered donor.

TRUTH:

Saving your life is always the first priority for all paramedics and medical professionals. They will not consider your donor status.

MYTH:

If I was rich, I could just jump to the top of the waiting list.

TRUTH:

No one can skip to the top of the waiting list.

MYTH:

My family may be left with the additional medical expenses of donation.

TRUTH:

There are no expenses that will be left to your family if you are an organ donor.

DONOR
NETWORK WEST

