

Registering as an organ, eye & tissue donor saves lives.

Inspiring others to register is how to become a



The Donate Life Texas (DLT) organ, eye and tissue donor registry empowers Texans with a secure, private way to record their decision to give the gift of organ, eye and tissue donation after they pass away.

More donors will help meet the growing need. Right now, more than 10,000 Texans are waiting for a transplant. Some will die before the organ they need comes available.

DLT's *Unite 4 Life Partners* Program makes supporting donation easy and fun.

Groups and organizations can use it. So can individuals. It puts turn-key tools and resources at your fingertips with expert guidance just a call or click away.

Use all the tools for a guided approach or pick just the ones that meet your needs.

- Set up your own donor registration page and track results
- Get in-the-know about the most commonly asked donation questions
- Learn to host a donor registration table at a school, business, hospital or special event
- Earn points toward Unite4LifeAwards...with a top prize of \$500!

Join the more than 150 people & groups who are sharing the lifesaving message of donation in their communities as Donate Life Texas *Unite 4 Life Partners*!

Donate Life Texas is a



endorsed program.

Find the *Unite 4 Life* portal at [DonateLifeTexas.org/U4L](http://DonateLifeTexas.org/U4L)



# FAQs about Donation and Registration

## **Empowering donors. Comforting families.**

Donor registration empowers a person to record legal consent for donation that only they can change. This step not only ensures a person's decision to be a donor is known by the right people at the right time, it also lifts the burden of decision-making from grieving family members who have just lost a loved one.

## **Words matter.**

Using the correct words helps communicate respect for the donor and the decision to give.

- Organs, eyes and tissues are **recovered**, not harvested
- A donor is referred to as a **deceased donor**, not a cadaver

## **DLT registration covers:**

Registering with DLT covers donation of organs and tissues for use in transplantation, therapy, research and education. Individuals have the option to customize their registration if they so choose.

A standard DLT registration includes donation of:

- Solid organs – heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, intestines and islet cells
- Corneas, eye globes and other ocular tissues
- Heart valves, bone, ligaments, tendons, skin, bone marrow, nerves, cartilage, and other tissue structures

## **DLT registration does NOT cover:**

- Blood, living bone marrow or stem cell donations
- Living organ donation (sometimes referred to as paired donation)
- Whole body donation or donation to body programs
- Donations for Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation (VCA). This refers to the donation of face, hands, feet, limbs or similarly intact body parts used in VCA transplantation procedures.

## **Who can? YOU can!**

Anyone can join the Donate Life Texas donor registry! Donor registration is free, takes only a few minutes and is open to everyone regardless of age, gender, health status, faith, country of origin, or ethnic and cultural background.

- DLT encourages registration for everyone who embraces donation. Medical pros will decide what can be donated if and when the time comes – registering leave the lifesaving option open.
- For minors, parental consent is not needed to register with Donate Life Texas. However, when a minor passes away, parental consent is required at the time of donation.
- Students are encouraged to discuss donation and educate family and friends about donor registration.
- Registering ensures that a person's decision to donate is known by the right people at the right time, automatically.
- Sharing the decision to donate can make a profound difference for the families suddenly grieving the loss of a loved one



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[www.DonateLifeTexas.org](http://www.DonateLifeTexas.org)