

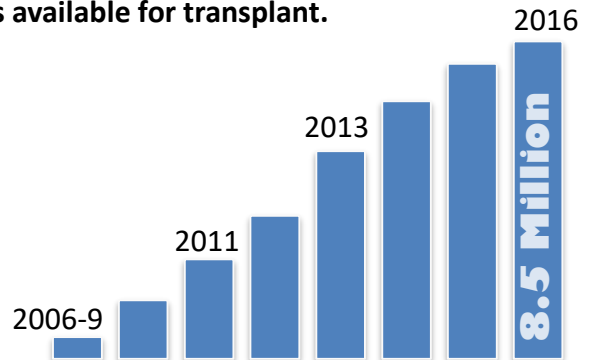


Donate Life Texas gives Texans the power to save lives.

To date, 962 donors registered through Donate Life Texas have made 3,278 organs available for transplant.

But at this very moment, more than 10,000 Texans are waiting for the lifesaving organ transplant they need to survive.

Thousands more are relying on cornea and tissue transplants for the hope of recovery.



Registered Texas Lifesavers

Since 2005, the Donate Life Texas organ, eye and tissue donor registry has empowered Texans with a way to record legal consent for organ, eye and tissue donation which helps make sure every medically-viable organ and tissue can become the gift of life. More than 8.5 million people have registered, but that's still fewer than half the adults statewide.

You Can Make a Difference!

Partnering with Donate Life Texas (DLT) can help turn inspiration into lifesaving action. You'll connect with the Donate Life Texas organ, eye and tissue procurement organizations in your local area who can help you and your students learn about donation, spread the word about the importance of donation and transplantation and host donor registration events in your community.

Visit the **Unite for Life** section of the www.DonateLifeTexas.org website to get started. There, you'll find resources like:

- Campaign portal that allows you to set up and track your own DLT Registration Drive
- Materials and ideas to help promote your drive
- Donation and registration FAQs
- How-to videos and tip sheets
- Downloadable registration drive materials like posters, fliers and social media graphics
- Entry criteria for **Unite for Life** awards



Every 10 minutes, someone new is added to the national transplant waiting list.



On average, 22 people die each day while waiting for a transplant.



Nearly as many Texans are waiting for transplants as the entire population of Kilgore.



FAQs about Donation and Registration

Empowering donors. Comforting families.

Donor registration empowers people 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.

How we talk about donation matters. 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