

The Need is REAL. Know the Facts!

Who is NJ Sharing Network?

NJ Sharing Network is a non-profit, federally designated Organ Procurement Organization (OPO). This means we are responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue for New Jersey residents currently awaiting transplantation.

Our Foundation is committed to increasing the number of lives saved through innovative transplant research, family support, public awareness and education about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

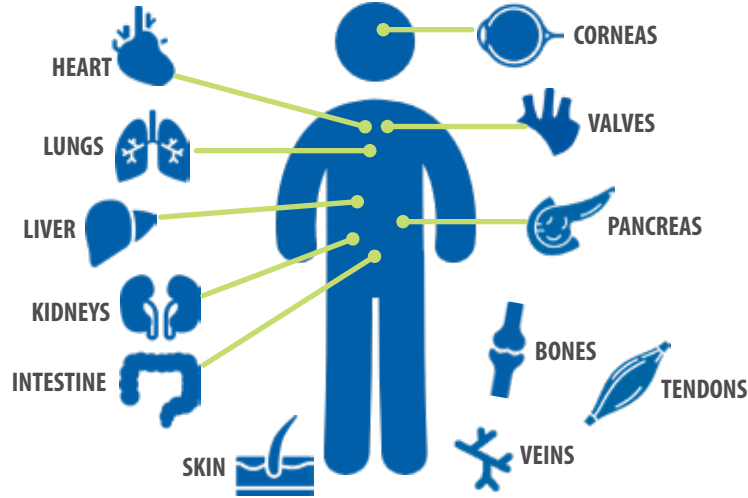
Why is organ and tissue donation important?

Nationwide, there are 115,000 people waiting for a life-saving transplant. That is enough people to fill more than 2,000 school buses! Because there is a shortage of organs for transplant, 20 people die each day waiting for a transplant.

New Jersey needs your help!

Nearly 4,000 people waiting for a transplant live right here in New Jersey. Find out how many are in your town and ways that you can help at www.SaveNJLives.com.

What organs and tissue can be donated?



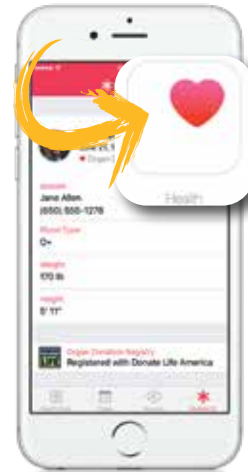
Who can be an organ and tissue donor?

Anyone, regardless of age or medical history, may be eligible for donation. A medical evaluation at an individual's time of death will determine whether donation is possible.

Your Decision Can Make a Difference!

One organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and restore health to over 75 people. Register as an organ and tissue donor today and talk about your decision to donate with your family and friends.

Registration takes less than one minute with 3 easy ways to sign up:



1. iPhone Health App
iPhone users can quickly and easily join the National Donate Life Registry using the Health app

2. Online
at NJSharingNetwork.org

3. Visit
your local Motor Vehicle Agency

Saying "yes" is legal consent to the donation of your organs and tissue for transplantation and therapy. For those 18 years and older, your decision to donate cannot be revoked by anyone but you.

Share your decision with friends and family!

Under the age of 18? You may still register with the Donate Life Registry to share your wishes. You will be contacted when you turn 18 to officially register as an organ and tissue donor. Register online at NJSharingNetwork.org

Take Action and Get Involved!



Volunteer

Earn community service hours! Bring our life-saving message to health fairs, motor vehicle agencies, houses of worship, concerts and sporting events, or become an office volunteer and assist us with important projects. Email us at volunteers@njsharingnetwork.org to get started!



Events

Help spread our life-saving message by joining us at events such as our 5K Celebration of Life!



Show your support

Wear and share green "Donate Life" wristbands at school and in the community to show support for organ and tissue donation. Visit NJSharingNetwork.org/contact to request wristbands.



Donate Life Student Chapters

Start your own Donate Life Student Chapter at your school and inform your fellow students about the importance of organ and tissue donation. Host table displays during lunch, publish articles in the school newspaper or organize a speaker assembly.



Educational field trips

Visit our headquarters in New Providence, NJ for an educational tour, or participate in Liberty Science Center's Live From Kidney Transplant Surgery Program. Have your teacher email education@njsharingnetwork.org.



Scholarship

Apply for our scholarship if you are a graduating senior and advocate for or have a personal connection to organ and tissue donation.



Funding for this booklet is provided by Hearts for Emma. Hearts for Emma provides assistance to the families of children with heart disease and supports educational initiatives relating to heart transplantation and organ and tissue donation. www.HeartsforEmma.org

The Faces of Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation



“Organ donation helped my family... it made a difference for us to know that Zoë lives on in others.”

—Ameer, brother of organ & tissue donor, Zoë
Ameer's little sister, Zoë, was energetic, sweet and loved pretzel sticks. When Zoë passed away, Ameer's family made the decision to donate her organs. At just two years old, Zoë gave the gift of life to four people.



“My transplant has taught me to not hold back on living life to its fullest, as well as to give back to the community that gave so much to me and my family.”

—Emma, heart transplant recipient
Emma was a very active 12-year-old who suddenly needed a life-saving heart transplant. Nine years later, Emma is a full-time student at Syracuse University and is committed to investing in her community as a member of the Board of Directors of her family's nonprofit foundation, Hearts for Emma.



“Thanks to my transplant and my donor, my MCL has healed and I can do the things I love.”

—Ursula, tissue transplant recipient
When Ursula was just 14 years old, she tore her medial collateral ligament leaving her in a brace for nearly half a year. Since her ligament transplant, she is able to play soccer, perform in school musicals and enjoy life as a college student.

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to save lives through organ and tissue donation

www.NJSharingNetwork.org/H4E



Use the power of social media to let everyone know that you support organ and tissue donation!

Snap a selfie wearing your green Donate Life wristband or share facts about donation and transplantation on social media. Be sure to tag us and include hashtags #IGotThePower and #NJSN.

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Bring Our Life-Saving Message to Your School

The New Jersey Hero Act requires every high school in New Jersey to include information about organ and tissue donation in the health and physical education curriculum. NJ Sharing Network's High School Program was carefully designed to help schools meet the core content curriculum standards mandated by this important legislation and includes a trained speaker coming to your school to discuss how students can help save lives.

For more information and to schedule a free program at your school, visit NJSharingNetwork.org/education or email education@njsharingnetwork.org.



Founded by Emma's family, Hearts for Emma is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The Hearts for Emma Fund, a partner fund of the NJ Sharing Network Foundation, was created to directly support the Hero Act through the production and distribution of educational materials and related programs on the importance of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. For more information visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org/H4E

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To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org



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