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**National Donate Life Month – April 2022**

***Donation and Transplantation Statistics***

* In 2021, more than **41,000** transplants from 20,300 donors brought renewed life to patients and their families and communities.
* More than **100,000** people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.
* **60%** of patients awaiting lifesaving transplants are minorities.
* Another person is added to the nation’s organ transplant waiting list **every 9 minutes**.
* **17** people each day while waiting for a transplant. 6151 transplant candidates died in 2020 while on the national transplant waiting list

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* **85%** of patients on the waiting list are waiting for a kidney. The average waiting time for a kidney from a deceased donor is **3 to 5 years.** Akidney from a living donor offers patients an alternative to years of dialysis and time on the national transplant waiting list (the living donor’s remaining kidney will increase in size, doing the work of two healthy kidneys).
* **11%** of patients waiting are in need of a liver**. Living donation of part of the liver** can help these patients (the remaining portion of the donor liver will regenerate and regain full function).
* More than **one-third** of all deceased donors are age **50 or older**; **7%** are age **65 or older**.

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* More than 2.5 million lifesaving and healing tissue transplants are performed each year, offering patients a new chance at healthy, productive, and normal lives.
* A single tissue donor can help more than **75** people.

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* More than **85,600** corneal transplants help to restore sight each year.

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* More than **170 million** people are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.\*

To register your decision to save and heal lives through organ, eye and tissue donation, visit [RegisterMe.org](https://registerme.org/). To learn more about organ, eye, tissue and living donation, visit [DonateLife.net](http://www.donatelife.net).

*\** Living donation is not included in your deceased donor registration.

*Data sources:*

*Based on OPTN data as of January 10, 2022;* [*https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/*](https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/)

*2020 Annual Data Report. Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients;* [*https://srtr.transplant.hrsa.gov/annual\_reports/Default.aspx*](https://srtr.transplant.hrsa.gov/annual_reports/Default.aspx) *Accessed March 2022.*

*Donate Life America 2021 Registry Overview Report as of February 28, 2022.*