

# SUNY DONATES

WITH NYS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER  
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**90%** OF AMERICANS  
SUPPORT ORGAN DONATION

*but*

**ONLY 30%** KNOW HOW  
TO BECOME ONE

## BECOMING AN ORGAN DONOR IS FAST & EASY.

Most people simply check a box during their voting registration or when obtaining a New York state ID or license. Don't worry if you missed the box. We're here to help!



**CAN SAVE UP TO 8 LIVES.**

The same donor can also save or improve the lives of up to 50 people by donating tissues and eyes.

## DON'T RULE YOURSELF OUT.

People of all ages, race, and medical history may be able to become an organ, eye and tissue donor. Your medical condition at the time of death will decide what organs and tissues can be donated and/or used. All major religions support donation.



**IT'S SAFE.** Donation takes place under the same sterile conditions as any medical procedure. A donor's body is never disfigured and donation does not interfere with funeral arrangements. Open casket services are possible.



**IT COSTS \$0.**  
Donors and their families are not responsible for any costs related to organ donation.



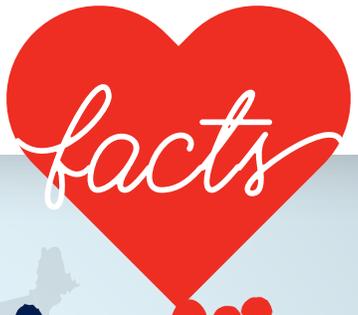
## IT'S CONFIDENTIAL.

All registry information is kept strictly confidential and can only be accessed by the Department of Health employees, federally regulated organ procurement organizations such as LiveOnNY and New York State licensed tissue and eye banks.





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## IN THE UNITED STATES:

there are more than 120,000 people currently in need of organ transplants, and only 28,211 transplants have occurred from January to November of 2015. *Based on OPTN data as of 02/12/2016.*



On average, 18 people die every day while waiting for organ transplants in the U.S.



Across the U.S., every 10 minutes someone is added to the waiting list.



## IN NEW YORK STATE:

In New York State alone, the waiting list grows every 2½ hours.

Over 10,000 New Yorkers are currently waiting for an organ transplant, and every 15 hours someone dies waiting for an organ transplant in our state.

Only 22% of New Yorkers are enrolled in the New York State Donate Life Registry as organ donors, while the nationwide average is 47%.



## HOW DO I ENROLL?

Anyone **18 or over** and interested in becoming a donor in New York State is welcome to **join the New York State Donate Life Registry**, even if you are not a NYS resident.

When applying, you have the **option to select your preferences** on what organs and tissues will be used for, including transplantation and research, transplantation only and research only.



## ONLINE REGISTRATION:

If you have a New York State ID and wish to save and improve someone's life, please visit the website below and click on "Have a New York State ID?" Follow the link and complete the simple instructions.

**SIGN UP TO BE AN ORGAN DONOR NOW:**  
[suny.edu/donatelife](http://suny.edu/donatelife)



## BY MAIL:

If you do not have a New York State ID and you wish to become an organ donor please visit the following website, click on "Don't have a New York State ID?" and print an enrollment form. You simply complete the NYS Donate Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry Specification Form and mail it to the address listed on the application.

**LEARN MORE**   
**ABOUT ORGAN DONATION: [SUNY.EDU/DONATELIFE](http://SUNY.EDU/DONATELIFE)**