



Fact Sheet: Organ Donation

Organ donation is a selfless decision to share the gift of life. Read below to learn more about this incredible life-saving process!



What parts of the body can be donated?



Kidneys (2)



Lungs (2)



Heart



Liver



Intestines



Pancreas



Living vs. Deceased Donation

Many forms of donation take place after a donor passes away, but some organs can be shared by living donors. Deceased donations include: kidneys, liver, lungs, heart, pancreas and intestines. Living donations include: one kidney or part of the liver, lung, intestine or pancreas.



Organ Donation by the Numbers

100,000 In the U.S., over 100,000 people are waiting for life-saving organ transplants.

10,000 Every year, roughly 10,000 people end up becoming donors in the U.S.

3,000 In the upper Midwest, more than 3,000 people are in need of life-saving transplants.

48 The entire organ recovery process typically takes place in less than 48 hours.

17 Every day 17 people pass away while waiting for a transplant match.

9 Every 9 minutes a new person is in need of a transplant.

8 One donor can save up to 8 lives through organ donation.

1 Although anyone can register, only 1% of people actually qualify to become an organ donor after passing.

For more information, visit www.donatelifemidwest.org