

# #DonationNeedsDiversity

## Saving Lives Through Organ and Tissue Donation

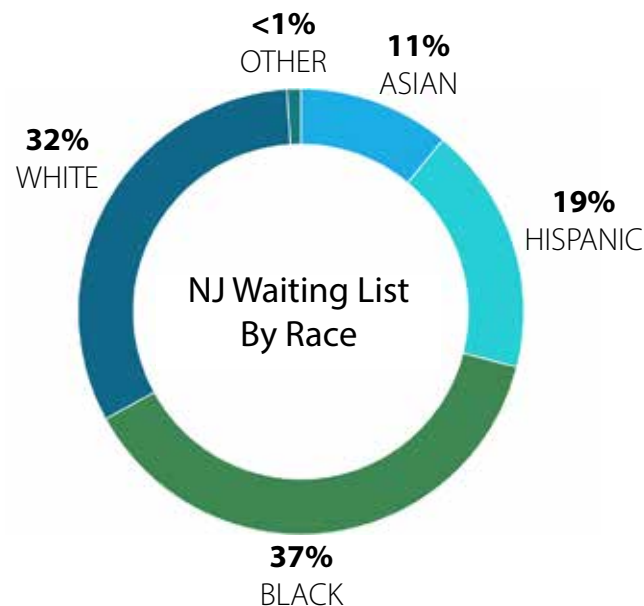


**Let's come together to increase awareness in diverse communities about organ and tissue donation!**

Successful transplantation is often enhanced by matching of organs between members of the same ethnic and racial group. A greater diversity of donors increases potential access to transplantation for everyone.

**Nearly 4,000** people in New Jersey are currently waiting for a life-saving transplant

**68%** of those are people of color, who are also at greater risk for organ failure due to high rates of diabetes, hypertension and heart disease, making them more likely to need a transplant.



### Know the facts

- People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors.
- The decision to be an organ donor will in no way affect the level of medical care for a sick or injured person.
- Most religions support organ donation and consider it the greatest gift a person can give.
- Organs are matched according to medical need, compatibility and location. A patient's income, race or social status are never taken into account.
- One organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and restore health to over 75 others.