



# HONOR the JOURNEY

NEW JERSEY, JULY 17-22, 2020





## About the 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games

New Jersey is welcoming its most inspiring event – the Transplant Games of America – July 17-22, 2020. Thousands of people from all 50 states and beyond will travel to New Jersey to unite, honor the families who have given the gift of life and ultimately raise awareness of organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation. The 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games will be like none other, with an expected 12,000-15,000 transplant recipients, living donors, donor families, transplant professionals, caregivers, supporters and volunteers expected to attend.

During these exciting six days, attendees will stay in our hotels, ride our public transportation, and visit our restaurants, landmarks and attractions. And, for the first time, the Games will be held in a public space in the middle of one of the busiest intersections in the country – American Dream located at the Meadowlands.

Produced by the Transplant Life Foundation and celebrating their 30th anniversary, the Games will feature 20 competitions and more than 40 special events and programs. The Games are open to transplant recipients, living donors, donor families and friends, family and supporters.

Building on the success of previous Games, the Transplant Life Foundation and the 2020 Local Organizing Committee are poised to make the 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games the biggest and best ever.

### TRANSPLANT GAMES OF AMERICA MISSION STATEMENT

*To increase awareness of the life-restoring importance of organ, cornea, bone marrow, and tissue donation through the lives of the athlete-recipients and the lasting legacy of their donors.*

*To involve the entire transplant community - healthcare providers, recipients, donors, donor families, individuals awaiting transplantation, recovery agencies, and other related organizations - in a shared mission to highlight the benefits of donation.*

*To increase the number of individuals registering as donor candidates, state-by-state, and on the National Donate Life Registry by supporting existing campaigns, and harnessing the energy and drive of recipients through the Transplant Games events, partnerships, marketing, and related communications.*

Help promote the donor registry by sharing this link:

**[RegisterMe.org/TGA](https://RegisterMe.org/TGA)**



# About the Competitions

The 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games offer a wide variety of events at different competitive levels and age groups.

As a celebration of recipients, donors and their families, the Games are designed to include more participants so that, together, we can elevate awareness for this incredible cause.

Adult and youth competitors participate in 10 different age divisions:

AGE DIVISIONS	
ADULTS	YOUTH
14-17	5 and under
18-29	6-10
30-39	11-13
40-49	
50-59	
60-69	
70+	

A broad range of competitions exist for organ recipients (Division I) as well as living donors, tissue and cornea recipients and bone marrow recipients (Division II). In 2020, for the very first time, we are inviting donor families to participate in medaling events for the 5K, Ballroom Dancing, Lyrics for Life and a special Donor Family Trivia competition.

These competitions, which challenge participants on a physical, intellectual, and spiritual level, will take place between July 18-22, 2020. For more information or to view the events calendar, see the **SCHEDULE OVERVIEW** in this document.

5K RUN  
 BADMINTON  
 BALLROOM DANCING  
 BASKETBALL  
 BOWLING  
 CORNHOLE (BEAN BAG TOSS)  
 CYCLING  
 DARTS  
 GOLF  
 LYRICS FOR LIFE  
 PICKLEBALL  
 SWIMMING  
 TABLE TENNIS  
 TENNIS  
 TEXAS "HOLD-EM POKER"  
 TRACK & FIELD  
 TRIVIA CHALLENGE  
 VIRTUAL TRIATHLON  
 VOLLEYBALL  
 YOUTH OLYMPIAD



# Competitions

The 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games include more than 20 competitions across professional venues in the NJ/NY Metro area.

COMPETITIONS	
Friday, July 17, 2020	Registration 5K Packet Pick-up
Saturday, July 18, 2020	5K Run/Walk Ballroom Dancing Swimming Youth Olympiad
Sunday, July 19, 2020	Cycling Table Tennis Swimming Lyrics for Life Prelims Texas Hold'em Poker Basketball
Monday, July 20, 2020	Track & Field Tennis (Singles) Bowling (Singles) Golf (Singles) Cornhole Badminton Basketball
Tuesday, July 21, 2020	Tennis (Doubles) Bowling (Doubles) Golf (Team) Pickleball (Doubles) Lyrics for Life Finals Trivia Challenge Volleyball
Wednesday, July 22, 2020	Pickleball (Mixed Doubles) Darts



In addition to competitive events, participants and their families are invited each day to visit the Transplant Games village, located at American Dream. Stop by the Reflection Room and join some of our workshops that are planned throughout the week.

# The 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games

The Games competitions will feature some of New Jersey's newest and most popular venues within the NJ/NY metro area, with the majority of activities focused around the Meadowlands Complex. Some key locations include:



## AMERICAN DREAM

This three-million-square-foot dynamic retail and entertainment complex will welcome the Donate Life Transplant Games family and will host several ceremonies and events.



## MEADOWLANDS EXPOSITION CENTER at HARMON MEADOW

This 61,000-square-foot Exposition complex is considered one of the premier convention facilities in the heart of the NJ/NY Metro area. With space for more than 5,000 visitors, the Exposition Center will host a number of team activities during the Games.

Additional preliminary locations and featured events include:

AMERICAN DREAM	TGA Village, Live! From the TGA, Ballroom Dancing, Lyrics for Life, Texas Hold'em, Youth Olympiad, Trivia Challenge
MEADOWLANDS EXPO CENTER	Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball, Badminton, Cornhole, Darts
METLIFE STADIUM	Cycling Events, 5K Run/Walk
BERKELEY AQUATIC CLUB	Swimming
GALLOPING HILL GOLF COURSE	Golf
RIGGINS FIELD	Track & Field
HUDSON LANES	Bowling
BROOKDALE PARK	Tennis



**Additional locations will be announced in the coming months.**

# Special Events Schedule

We celebrate just as hard as we compete. Each day of the Games will include a special event focusing on the lives, accomplishments and gifts of our teams and donor families.

Friday, July 17, 2020	Welcome Reception	On our first evening together, 'chill' with friends over yummy snacks and beverages.
Saturday, July 18, 2020	Opening Ceremony	Kick-off Opening Weekend with an entertainment extravaganza at the official opening of the 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games.
Sunday, July 19, 2020	Donor Tribute	A beautiful spiritual tribute to our heroes who have selflessly given the gift of life to so many.
Monday, July 20, 2020	A Salute to Military Transplant Families  Quarter Century Club Dinner	Paying our deep respects to the service women, men and their families, don't miss this salute to those within our transplant family.  Honoring 25-year recipients, donor families, and living donors. All are welcome to join in celebration.
Tuesday, July 21, 2020	Living Donor Celebration	Waiting for an organ could take years—time that a patient may not have. Living donors step in to offer life-saving solutions. Please join us to celebrate those heroes who have 'spared' the lives of family, friends and even sometimes, complete strangers.
Wednesday, July 22, 2020	2020 Awards and Passing of the 2022 Games	Join us on the last evening of the 2020 Games to celebrate and make plans for our reunion in 2022.

## Special Events Sites

Our Meadowlands community hosts include:

### AMERICAN DREAM

A three-million-square-foot entertainment complex that will host the TGA Village welcoming all of our attendees for the entire six-day event. From the Welcome Reception on Friday through the 2020 Final Party and 2022 Handoff Event, American Dream will be the gathering spot for over 30 events and activities. The site will include center stage and the home studio for Live! From the TGA.



The 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games will host its opening weekend in Newark, with this vibrant community welcoming the Transplant Games family to some of its most coveted venues.

### PRUDENTIAL CENTER

New Jersey's home for live entertainment, the New Jersey Devils, Seton Hall basketball and great family shows will be home to the 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games Opening Ceremony, presented by Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

### NJPAC (NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER)

Newark's world-class, artistic, cultural and community-based theater will host the Donor Tribute.



**Additional locations will be announced in the coming months.**

# Honors Program

Share stories, remember your loved one and get educated on a myriad of topics related to donation and transplantation. Each day of the Games, the Honors Program will feature a program specially tailored to donor families and those new to the Games. Some programming includes:

July 17-22	Reflection Room	Spend some special moments remembering your loved one in a meditative setting.
July 18-22	Programs, Workshops & More	Join us for several interactive sessions where you can learn about some of the hottest topics on organ donation and transplantation.
July 17 & 18	New Family Orientation	Welcome to the family! Join us for a session that will help you navigate this new world of organ donation.
Sunday, July 19	Teen Talk	Let's be real, this is a pizza party for our younger transplant family members. Come share stories, get advice and explore with your peers.
Sunday, July 19 & Monday, July 20	Coffee Houses	Get some java and share memories of your loved one as you navigate the many twists and turns of your experience with organ donation.
Monday, July 20	Quilt-Pinning Ceremonies	Come share the story of your loved one as we accept new quilt squares depicting the lives of our heroes.





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# Volunteer Information

## SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES!

Every two years, the Donate Life Transplant Games bring together thousands of athletes from all over the world to compete in a week-long celebration of donors, recipients, and their families.

This incredible event is made possible by many volunteers, like yourself, who want to be a part of something special. While the 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games will officially take place in July of 2020, it's never too early to step up and help.

## How Many Volunteers Are Needed?

Generally, the Games are supported by more than 3,000 volunteers. Many volunteers invite their friends and family to be a part of the experience with them. We welcome large groups, like corporations, fraternities/sororities, community clubs, sports teams, or other organizations that would like to work together to support this great event.

## What Do Volunteers Do?

There are so many ways you can help, from greeting and assisting our athletes, to lending a hand during competitions and special events. Each volunteer shift is four hours long and you can choose any open volunteer activity that you'd like.



## How Do I Sign Up?

Visit [www.transplantgamesofamerica.org/volunteer.html](http://www.transplantgamesofamerica.org/volunteer.html) to register as a volunteer for the 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games. Once the final positions and shifts are determined, we'll reach out to registered volunteers via email, and you can choose the dates, times, and roles that work best for you.

# Sponsorship Information

The Donate Life Transplant Games are supported by local and national sponsors, whose contributions make the Games possible for donors, recipients, and families.

Sponsorships are still available across a variety of different support levels:

LEVEL 1 SPONSORSHIP

**\$500,000**  
and above

LEVEL 2 SPONSORSHIP

**\$75,000 to**  
**\$250,000**

LEVEL 3 SPONSORSHIP

**\$10,000 to**  
**\$50,000**

LEVEL 4 SPONSORSHIP

**\$2,500 to**  
**\$5,000**

Custom sponsorships are also available. For more information on sponsor benefits or sponsorship levels, please go to [www.transplantgamesofamerica.org](http://www.transplantgamesofamerica.org) or call Alexis Hartman at (616) 356-2331.

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