

# GET THE FACTS

## About Organ and Tissue Donation

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In 2016, US transplants reached a record high for the fourth consecutive year with 33,606 transplants reported.
- One organ and tissue donor can save up to 8 lives and restore health to over 75 others.
- Transplantable organs include: heart, kidneys, liver, lungs, pancreas and intestine.
- Transplantable tissue includes: corneas to restore sight, bone and ligaments to repair injuries, skin grafts to heal burns and for surgical reconstruction and heart valves to replace diseased valves.
- Most religions support organ and tissue donation.
- There is no cost to be an organ and tissue donor... donation is a gift.

More than **122,000** people **nationwide** are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.

Every day **22** people die waiting.

Nearly **4,000** New Jersey residents are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.

There are **6** transplant centers in New Jersey.

**97** people died in 2016 while waiting at a New Jersey transplant center.

In 2016, a **record-breaking 613** organs were transplanted, a 16% increase from 2015 and tissue donation increased by **10%**.

This translates to **thousands of lives saved!**

Over **2.5 million** NJ residents are registered organ and tissue donors. What are **YOU** waiting for?

You have the power to save lives. **Register today.**

Visit [www.NJSharingNetwork.org](http://www.NJSharingNetwork.org) and click the blue "Register" icon to join the new mobile-friendly National Donate Life Registry.

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