

# #DonationNeedsDiversity

to save and enhance lives

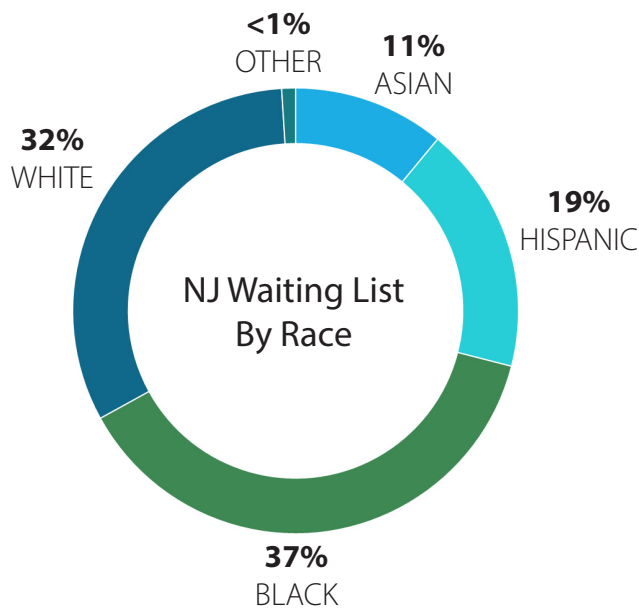


## Let's come together to increase awareness in diverse communities about organ and tissue donation!

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.