



Where Texans Have the Power to Donate Life

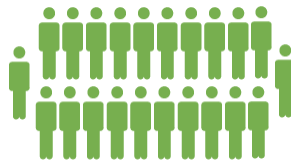
By joining the Donate Life Texas donor registry, you can give hope to thousands of people awaiting the transplant they need to survive.

Registering to be an organ, eye and tissue donor records your decision to be a donor. Your generosity can save as many as eight lives through organ donation, bring sight to others with cornea donations and improve 50 lives or more through tissue donation. It takes only moments, yet means a second chance of a lifetime.

In 2014 alone, 805 lives were saved by Texas organ donors registered through Donate Life Texas.



Every 10 minutes, someone new is added to the national transplant waiting list.



On average, 22 people die each day while waiting for a transplant.



More Texans are waiting for transplants than the entire population of Kilgore, Texas.

Donate Life Texas, Donation & Transplantation FAQs

What is the Donate Life Texas (DLT) Registry?

- DLT is a database of people who give consent for organs, eye and tissue donation after they pass away.
- Joining the registry provides **legal authorization** to be become a donor. By law, this means that others (including family members) cannot overturn your decision.
- The registry ensures that your lifesaving decision to be a donor is known by the right people, at the right time to save lives.

Will doctors still try to save me if they know I'm a donor?

- **YES!** The number one priority for doctors and hospitals is to save lives.
- Organ, eye and tissue donation is only considered after brain death has been declared.

They don't want my organs and tissues...do they?

- **ANYONE** can register, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or health status.
- If donation is important to you, register today and let medical professionals decide what can be used for transplanation, if and when the time comes.
- Kids can register. For minors, parental consent for donation is required after death.

Can I still have a funeral if I donate?

- **YES!** Donor families routinely host funerals, including open casket viewings.

How do I change or update my registration?

- The DLT website allows you to register and to:
 - Change, update or remove your registration
 - Find contact information for Donate Life Texas

Is donation is against my religion?

- Probably not. All major religions support donation.
- If you have concerns, your faith leader can often give you helpful insight.

Can I still donate my body to science?

- **Yes.** Organ recovery agencies often work with willed body programs to recover organs and tissues for transplant and provide those that can't to a willed body program designated by the donor.

Don't rich, famous people get first dibs?

- **No.** Every effort is made to see that organs for transplants go to the person who needs it most, who is the best match for it and who will benefit from it most.

Does it cost my family for me to be a donor?

- **No.** From the moment death is declared, the organ recovery agency assumes all donation-related expenses. The family will still be responsible for the funeral expenses.

How is Donate Life Texas funded?

- Financial donations support the day-to-day needs of managing the registry as well as providing public education about the need for and importance of donation.