



***Donate Life America Thanks DMV Partners Across the Country for Lifesaving Partnership***  
*More than 90% of donor registrations come through the DMV*

**(Richmond, VA—September 1, 2021)** Each year, Donate Life America (DLA) along with Donate Life State Teams and their members take time in September to recognize the vital role our DMV and Driver License Partners (DLPs) play in helping save and heal lives. DMV staff are front-line champions, committed to asking the donor registration question to customers every day.

Partnerships with DMVs remain the primary source of state donor registrations. More than 90% of individuals surveyed across the country stated that they registered their donation decision through their local DMV.<sup>1</sup> 83% in Texas. Texas DPS staff are the people on the front lines of service who have helped 165 million people across the country to register their lifesaving decision to be a deceased organ, eye and tissue donor.<sup>2</sup>

The work of DMVs across the country enables more lifesaving transplants to be performed every year. An increase in donation education and donor registrations have helped drive an increase in the number of lives saved through organ donation and transplantation each year for the past eight years.<sup>3</sup> Donation makes transplants possible, and donation starts with donor registration.

During September, the Donate Life Community will be celebrating this lifesaving partnership through education and outreach to thank DMV staff and leadership across the country. Donate Life America will also be recognizing the regional and national winners of the 2021 DLA DMV Lifesaver and Innovation Awards.

The DLA DMV Awards recognize both innovative statewide DMV office efforts (Innovation Award) and individual staff and leadership dedication to the Donate Life mission and successfully increasing donor registration (Lifesaver Award). The awards are presented annually at American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) conferences and in local ceremonies across the country. DLA is grateful for the commitment and partnership of AAMVA in supporting the lifesaving role of DMVs in offering the donor registration opportunity.

The full list of 2021 DLA DMV Award winners is included below; please visit [DonateLife.net/DMV-Awards](https://www.donatelife.net/DMV-Awards) for details on the award winners and their programs. Congratulations to all of the award winners – and thank you for your dedication to helping save and heal lives through organ, eye and tissue donation!

**National DLA DMV Award Winners**

DLA DMV Innovation Award: Mimzie Herklotz-Dennis, Texas Department of Public Safety Driver License Division

DLA DMV Lifesaver Award: Chris Craft, St. Lucie (FL) County Tax Collector

**AAMVA Regional DLA DMV Award Winners**

*Region 1*

DLA DMV Lifesaver Award: Patty Morneault, Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles

*Region 2*

DLA DMV Innovation Award: Mimzie Herklotz-Dennis, Texas Department of Public Safety Driver License Division

DLA DMV Lifesaver Award: Chris Craft, St. Lucie (FL) County Tax Collector

*Region 3*

DLA DMV Innovation Award: Jessica Tyson, Kansas Department of Revenue-Division of Vehicles

DLA DMV Lifesaver Award: Susie Geyer, Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles

*Region 4*

DLA DMV Innovation Award: Barry Aarons, Motor Vehicle Providers Association

DLA DMV Lifesaver Award: Kathleen Webb, California Department of Motor Vehicles