



## Donation and Transplantation Facts and Talking Points

- Approximately **77** organ transplants take place every day in the U.S.
- On average, a single organ and tissue donor can save or enhance the lives of up to **75** people.
- All major religions support organ, eye and tissue donation as an unselfish act of charity.
- People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors. Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissue can be donated.
- More than **104,000** people are currently waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S. More than 600 of them are 5 years old or younger..
- **35%** of patients awaiting kidney transplants are African American.
- **In Connecticut**, over **1,080** residents are waiting for their life saving organ transplant, and 330 of these patients are African American.
- Annually, there are more than **25,000** tissue donors and **70,000** cornea donors.
- More than **1 million** tissue transplants are done each year and the surgical need for tissue has been steadily rising.
- More than **28,000** patients began new lives last year thanks to organ transplants.
- Approximately **33,000** patients had their sight restored last year through cornea transplants.
- A living donor can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver, lung, pancreas or intestine.
- One in 10 deceased donors is age 65 or over.
- Sadly, an average of **18** patients die every day while waiting, simply because the organ they needed did not become available in time.
- On average, **134** people are added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list each day—one every **11** minutes.
- You have the power to save lives. Visit [www.donatelifect.org](http://www.donatelifect.org) and click 'Join the Registry' to find out how to become a donor in Connecticut.