

## Donate Life Colorado Organ & Tissue Donor Registry Enrollment Form

Joining the Donor Registry means you have elected to save lives by donating your organs, eyes and tissues at the time of your death. Before filling out this form, check your driver's license or ID card. If there is a "♥" on the front, you are already enrolled in the Organ & Tissue Donor Registry and there is no need to submit this form unless your information has changed.

- Yes, I want to be an organ, eye and tissue donor. By signing my name below I am confirming my desire to have my name entered into the Donor Registry.
- I already have a "♥" on the front of my driver's license and would like to update my record.

**Please print the following information:**  Male  Female

Full Name:

(FIRST MIDDLE LAST)

Residential Address:

(STREET)

(CITY STATE ZIP)

Phone: ( )

Email (REQUIRED):

Date of Birth (REQUIRED):

Driver's License or State ID Number (REQUIRED):

If there are specific organs and tissues you do not wish to donate, write them here (*single restrictions; no narrative*):

*State law prohibits Registry information from being sold or shared with any company or government agency. Your registry status is only accessed at the time of death by those agencies directly involved in the organ, eye and tissue donation process as outlined by state law.*

SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

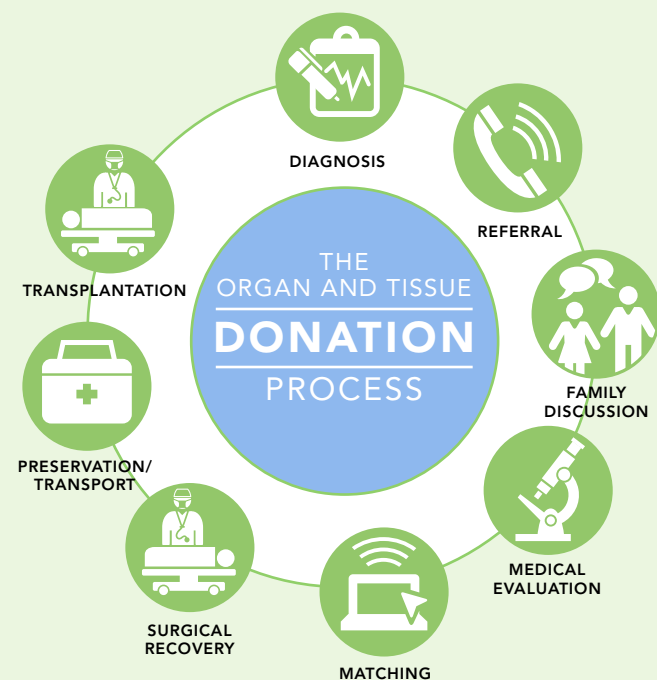
(IF ENROLLEE IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)

Colorado state statutes require your signature to verify your desire to have your name entered in the Donor Registry.

**MAIL TO:** Colorado Donor Registry c/o Donor Alliance  
720 S. Colorado Blvd., Suite 800-N, Denver, CO 80246

Organ, eye and tissue donation becomes an option only after all lifesaving efforts have been exhausted and death has been declared.

If a patient meets clinical criteria, the hospital contacts Donor Alliance, the organ procurement organization serving Colorado and most of Wyoming. Donor Alliance determines medical suitability for donation and collaborates with the hospital to ensure the family is cared for and informed throughout the process.



If a donor is determined to be a candidate for organ donation, medical matching information including size, blood and tissue type is entered into a database to determine the most suitable candidate in need of a lifesaving transplant. Donated eyes and tissues don't require preliminary matching.

Organs and tissues are then recovered in a surgical environment by highly trained medical professionals. Organs must be transplanted into waiting patients in hospital transplant centers within hours of recovery. Tissue undergoes complex evaluation and processing into many therapeutic forms for future surgeries, and can be transplanted even after lengthy preservation periods.

## Saying yes to organ, eye and tissue donation saves lives.

Every year, organ, eye and tissue transplants provide hope to tens of thousands of people suffering from disease, injury, trauma or blindness. In Colorado alone more than 2,500 people are on the waiting list for a lifesaving organ transplant. More than 120,000 are waiting nationwide. Thousands more patients could benefit from lifesaving and healing eye and tissue donations.

Please talk to your family about your decision to become an organ, eye and tissue donor. You, too, could be someone's hero.



Colorado

Register by saying 'Yes' each time you receive or renew your driver's license or state ID, by completing and returning the enclosed registry form or online anytime.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER TODAY AT:  
**DonateLifeColorado.org**



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LELLA  
DELTA, CO  
Liver recipient



# "My Hero Said Yes!"

Get the facts about the heroic choice to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor.



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**DonateLifeColorado.org**



# Be Someone's Hero. Say Yes to Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation.

The ability to transplant organs, eyes and other tissues is one of the most remarkable achievements in the history of modern medicine.

**YVETTE PARKER, CO**  
Liver recipient



Each year, heroes who say "yes" to donation provide lifesaving and healing hope to more than one million people suffering from organ failure, blindness, injury or disease.

**In Colorado there are more than 2,500 PEOPLE WAITING FOR A LIFESAVING transplant right now.**



## **FACT: WHAT IT MEANS**

*Registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor means you have made the decision to donate your organs, eyes and tissues at the time of your death. Your decision to be a donor takes priority over your family's preferences.*

## **FACT: LIFESAVING IMPACT**

*Just one donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and save or heal more than 100 lives through eye and tissue donation.*

## **FACT: ANYONE CAN REGISTER**

*Anyone—regardless of age, lifestyle or medical condition—can register as a donor. Patients with chronic conditions can potentially save and heal lives through donation.*

## **FACT: WHAT CAN BE DONATED**

*Organs that can be donated include the heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine. Tissues that can be donated include bones, skin, tendons, heart valves, veins and corneas.*

## **FACT: MEDICAL CARE**

*Your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor will not interfere with your medical care. Doctors and nurses caring for you before death are not involved in the donation process.*

## **FACT: NO COST**

*There are no costs associated with organ, eye and tissue donation. Your family will be responsible for the cost of your care prior to death and any funeral expenses.*

## **FACT: DIGNITY AND RESPECT**

*Donors and their families are treated with the utmost respect and care. Donation will not delay or prevent funeral arrangements, including an open casket funeral.*

## **FACT: FAIR AND EQUITABLE**

*Severity of illness, time spent waiting, blood/tissue type, size and distance are the factors that determine a person's place on the organ transplant waiting list.*

## **FACT: MINORITY NEED**

*Transplant matches made within ethnic groups can be more compatible. That is why it is important for people in minority communities to register their decision to be donors.*

## **FACT: RELIGIOUS SUPPORT**

*All major religions support organ, eye and tissue donation and view it as a final act of love and generosity.*

Transplants offer patients a new chance at healthy and productive lives, returning them to their families, friends and communities.



**JOSEPH LITTLETON, CO**  
Tissue recipient

Transplantation requires the commitment of organ, eye and tissue donors to save and heal lives. There is still a great need for more people to register to give the gift of life.

**MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF COLORADANS have made the heroic decision to register as organ, eye and tissue donors.**

