



## 2016 Donor Alliance Fact Sheet

Donor Alliance is the federally-designated, Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) and American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) accredited, non-profit organ procurement organization tissue bank serving Colorado and most of Wyoming. As a recognized leader in facilitating the donation and recovery of transplantable organs and tissues, Donor Alliance's mission is to save lives through organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

To achieve this mission, Donor Alliance employs effective family approach and recovery programs in more than 100 hospitals. Donor Alliance also inspires the public to register as organ and tissue donors through community partnerships, public outreach and education campaigns throughout our donation service area.

**Vision Statement:** Donor Alliance serves all who need transplantation by optimizing available organs and tissues with a commitment to education, collaboration, innovation, and influencing policy.

### Fast Facts about Organ and Tissue Donation:

#### *Local stats:*

- In Colorado and Wyoming 2,623 people are currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant.
- 68% of Coloradans and 59% of Wyomingites are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.
- Of those waiting, 1,939 are waiting for a kidney—the organ most in need (74%)—and 627 are waiting for a liver (24%).
- 16% of current transplant candidates in Colorado have been on the waiting list for 5 years or more.
- 31% of those waiting for an organ transplant are under 50 years of age; another 45% are between 50 and 64.
- Colorado has one of the nation's highest-performing state donor registries with 68% of driver's license/ID card applicants registering as organ and tissue donors. Wyoming is also amongst the top 10 nationally at 59%.
- 428 people received lifesaving organ transplants in 2015 thanks to 134 selfless donors in Colorado and Wyoming.
- In 2015, Donor Alliance recovered organs for transplant from 134 donors; of those 64% were on either the Donate Life Colorado or Donate Life Wyoming Donor Registry.
- In 2015, Donor Alliance recovered tissue for transplant from 1,674 donors; of those 65% were on either the Donate Life Colorado or Wyoming Donor Registry.

#### *National stats:*

- Today, more than 120,000 people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants nationally; on average every ten minutes, someone is added to the national transplant waiting list.
- Of the patients waiting, 100,791 (83%) are in need of a kidney and 14,783 (12%) are in need of a liver transplant.
- Recoverable organs include the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small bowel.
- Recoverable tissues include bone, tendons and corneas as well veins, valves and skin.
- One donor can save up to **eight lives** through organ donation and can save and heal more than **50 lives** through tissue donation.
- Every day 22 people die while waiting for a lifesaving transplant.
- Every year, the lives of about 500,000 Americans are saved by organ and tissue donation.
- An average of 81 transplants take place every day in the United States.
- Every 10 minutes another name is added to the national transplant waiting list.
- Approximately 1,500,000 tissue transplants are performed annually.
- Approximately 6,000 living donations occur each year. One in four donors is not biologically related to the recipient.

To learn more about organ and tissue donation, please visit [www.DonorAlliance.org](http://www.DonorAlliance.org) or call 303-329-4747.

Residents can join the *Donate Life* Colorado or Wyoming Registries by visiting:

[www.DonateLifeColorado.org](http://www.DonateLifeColorado.org) or [www.DonateLifeWyoming.org](http://www.DonateLifeWyoming.org)

Statistics provided by the United Network for Organ Sharing, [www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org) & Eye Bank Association of America

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