**21st Annual Donor Dash – Together, Though Apart**

**Facts on Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation**

* In Colorado, nearly 2,000 people await for a lifesaving organ transplant. Their illnesses don’t pause, not even amidst the pandemic. Now more than ever, it is important for Coloradans to show their support for organ, eye and tissue donation and consider signing up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor.
* Residents can sign up to become organ, eye and tissue donors at the time of death **anytime** without leaving their house at **DonateLifeColorado.org**. Moreover, **people can still sign up at the DLO** (while keeping their social distance) by **saying Yes** when they obtain or renew a driver license or state ID.
* **ANYONE can sign up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor**, regardless of age, race, medical history, religion or income. Even those who have been exposed to COVID-19 or with chronic conditions, such as hepatitis and diabetes, can sign up to give the gift of life.
* At the time of their death, **just one donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation** and save and heal **more than 75 lives through eye and tissue donation**.
* **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.

**Local Stats:**

* Today in Colorado nearly **2,000 people** are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant; nationwide, nearly 114,000 continue to wait.
* Of those waiting in Colorado 1,360 are waiting for a kidney—the organ most in need (84%)—and 207 are waiting for a liver (13%).
* **596 people** received lifesaving organ transplants in 2019 thanks to a record **191 organ donors** in Colorado & Wyoming.
* **2,118 heroic, local tissue donors** provided lifesaving and healing tissue to thousands in need
* **69%** of licensed drivers in Colorado have said YES and signed up as organ, eye and tissue donor when receiving or renewing their driver’s license. This **makes Colorado the top state in the nation** for donor designation. If you haven’t yet, **sign up today** at DonateLifeColorado.org—and then share your decision with your loved ones!