

Saving more lives than ever before

2020 Annual Report

Like most organizations, 2020 was challenging for Donor Alliance, but despite all of the hurdles and pivots, we were able to mitigate the harshest impacts of the pandemic together to record our most successful, lifesaving year yet. For the first time in a single year, more than 600 lives were saved through kidney, liver, heart, lung and pancreas transplants. We saw a 13% increase in organ donors and facilitated more organ transplants than ever by 4%. Despite this record-breaking success, we are reminded that there are thousands of people right here in our community waiting for a lifesaving transplant. Our dedication to educate, inspire and collaborate with our partners and communities remains steadfast.



215 heroic donors

Through the generous gifts from more than 200 heroic organ donors and their families, a record number of organ donations were facilitated in Colorado and Wyoming.



622 lives saved

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1,899 tissue donors

Local heroic tissue donors helped save and heal thousands of lives through skin grafts, spinal fusions, valve replacements and more.



#1 DDR in the Nation

Thanks to the generosity from Coloradans and Wyomingites, Colorado has the top donor designation rate (DDR) in the country at 68%, Wyoming is also among the most generous states at 62%.

Meet Tony

2020 heart & kidney recipient

After his first heart attack at 25 years old and a second at 30, Tony was in and out of the hospital with congestive heart failure and varying degrees of kidney failure for the last decade. After being hospitalized once again in early 2020, he needed new heart. In March 2020, Tony received the lifesaving gift of a heart and kidney transplant, and after recovering from the surgery has once again found joy in being able to do the simple things that are easily taken for granted. He is eternally grateful to his donor and their family.



Meet Sammie

2020 organ & tissue donor

When Sammie tragically passed away in July 2020, her family knew donating her organs was what she would have wanted. Some of the recipients of Sammie's organs have reached out to her family and expressed their immense gratitude for her gifts of life. Sammie helped others to live and gave hope to families who felt hopeless. Knowing a piece of her lives on gives Sammie's family comfort.



Register to be an organ donor

One donor can save 8 lives through organ donation and save and heal more than 75 others through tissue donation.

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