

# Organ and Tissue Donation



Organs and tissues that can be transplanted, after a person has died, include kidneys, heart, liver, lungs, pancreas, bones, corneas, skin, and other soft tissues.



Another way to obtain organs and tissues for transplantation is from people who are alive. Kidneys, bone marrow, partial liver, lung, and pancreas can come from living donors.



Organ and tissue donation is supported by all major religions.



There is no charge to you or your family for donation.



Donation involves a surgical procedure to remove the needed organs and tissues. It does not interfere with funeral arrangements or alter your body's appearance.

For more information on organ donation and how you can add your name to the organ donor registry, visit [www.nkfm.org/organdonation](http://www.nkfm.org/organdonation).

**33%**

of adults in your community are at risk of kidney disease

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## Key Statistics

Each year, there are **over 2,400 people in Michigan** waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant; **and 2,301** of these Michigan residents are waiting for a kidney transplant as of April 1, 2026.

In 2025, the generosity of Michigan's **478 organ donors resulted in 1,206 life-saving organ transplants.**

**90 lives** are saved each day by an organ transplant in the United States.

\*Sources: Gift of Life Michigan, Organ Procurement & Transplantation Network

Your decision to be a living kidney donor could be lifesaving for another person. Donating your organs after death could mean the "gift of life" for many people.



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