

The Power of YES

Teen Driver's Education
Video Workbook



YOU Can Save Someone's Life

When you get your driver's license you'll be asked to make a big, potentially lifesaving, decision—you'll be asked whether you wish to register as an organ, tissue and eye donor.

It's a decision that could save someone's life.

Join Us

By saying yes, you'll join a like-minded community of registered donors in Wisconsin and throughout the country who have already said "Yes" to saving and healing lives.

They Said "Yes"

In fact, nearly 355,000 Wisconsin teens have already said "Yes," including Grace and Brian.



THE HEROES

Nearly 3 million people are registered as organ, tissue and eye donors in Wisconsin

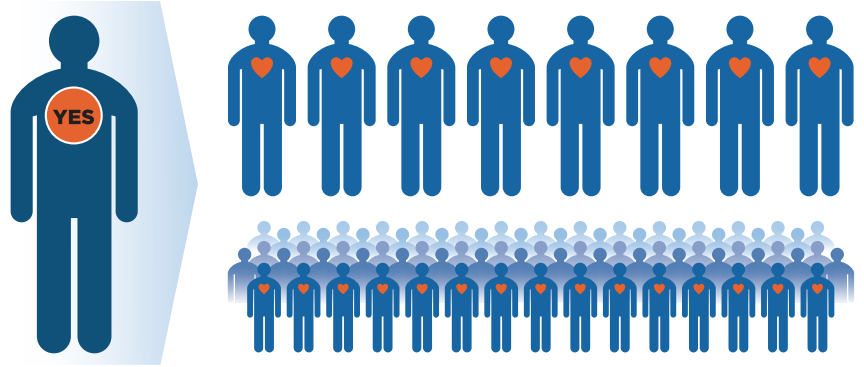


"I decided to be a registered donor for organ, tissue and eyes because I thought it was important that once I die for my organs to be donated to a family or person in need so that they can benefit from what I don't need anymore."

Grace

Just One

Grace and Brian. Each one of them—each donor—can save 8 lives through organ donation and improve the lives of up to 75 people through tissue and eye donation.



The Need

Right now, about 114,000 people across the country and nearly 2,000 here in Wisconsin are waiting for a lifesaving transplant. That's why we need everyone to register as a donor.



"I registered as an organ donor because if you don't need your organs someone else could need them.

"What am I going to need the organs for when I'm dead? Give them to someone who's alive and needs them or else they're going to die. I think of what that would mean to my family and I think they would be very proud to know that I'm helping someone else out, saving a life."

Brian



Michaela's Story

Michaela was a 17-year-old high school senior. She was on the swim team. She worked. She was always active and was never sick, until right after homecoming. What she thought was the flu or her mom's "bad tacos," quickly escalated and her family was told she had only days to live unless she received a lifesaving liver transplant.

"Since my transplant I was able to graduate high school, finish my last dance recital, graduate college and I recently got engaged. Now I like to spread the word about organ donation and let everyone know what it does," she said.

"I remember going to the DMV and they asked me to be an organ donor. I remember looking at my dad and saying, 'Do I want to be an organ donor?' He said, 'Well you don't need them so why wouldn't you?' So, I signed up to be an organ donor but at that time I didn't realize what the meaning was behind it. Now I know you're literally signing up to be a hero, you could save someone's life. You never know if you're going to need an organ transplant or if you're going to be able to be a donor. You never know what tomorrow brings."

Your decision to register as an organ, tissue and eye donor not only can save lives, like Michaela's, but can also help your family during a sad and difficult time. When you register, you're making your wishes known so your family doesn't have to make that decision.





Mary and Kelly's Story

Kelly was 16 when she died after a car accident. When asked whether she wanted to donate her daughter's organs, her mother Mary remembered Kelly had expressed interest when she first received her license less than a month before her death.

"When I took Kelly to the DMV, the question of organ donation came up," Mary said. "It was not something I expected. I asked, 'What do you think Kelly?' and she said, 'Well of course mom, why wouldn't I?' As a parent, it was one of my proudest moments that my 16-year-old daughter was willing to give unconditionally to whomever needed an organ or tissue transplant.

"We did not have to make that decision for her. She had made it for us. And, I've always felt that's as much a gift to us as those whose lives she saved. She gave us the gift of the decision and left a legacy."

Kelly's decision saved the lives of three strangers. Her story also inspired a University of Wisconsin nursing student to contact her family and together they lobbied lawmakers to pass a bill requiring Wisconsin driver education courses include a minimum 30 minutes of instruction about organ and tissue donation. That bill, the "Kelly Nachreiner Bill," became law and that's why you're reading this workbook and watching the video.

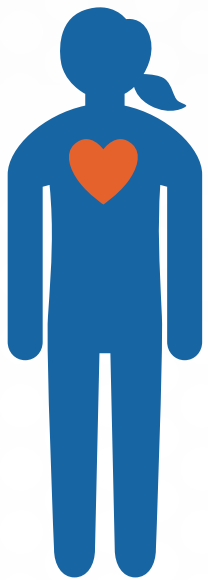
Kelly and Michaela are powerful examples of the impact of someone saying "Yes" and registering as an organ, tissue and eye donor.

Anyone of Us

Any one of us could suffer an injury or illness that requires a transplant, making the need for registered donors greater than ever before.

eye disorders **BURNS**
cancer high blood pressure
INJURIES **diabetes**

Transplants can help save or improve the lives of people with high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, burns, eye disorders, and other illnesses and injuries.



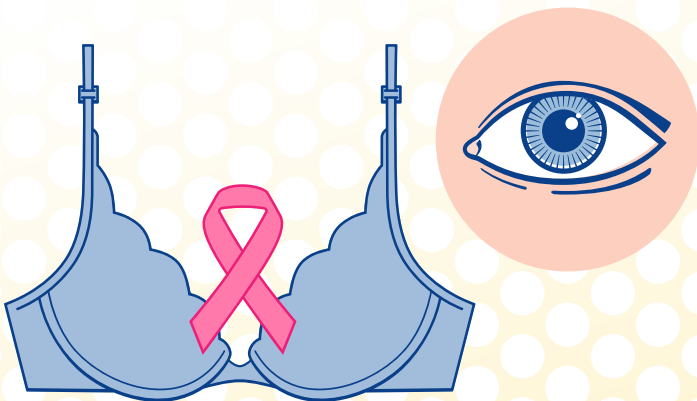
In fact, we are

6X

**more likely to
need a transplant**
than be a donor.



Even NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers received a transplant. He had his ACL—one of his ligaments—replaced with donor tissue before he joined the Green Bay Packers. He's not alone. Many athletes from high school to the pros have gone on to lead active lives with donated tissue.



Donated tissue can even help women recover from breast cancer. It's used in breast reconstruction surgery. And, for people suffering from eye diseases or injuries, a cornea donation can restore their sight.

Truths about Donation

Hopefully having this information will make your decision to say “Yes,” that you want to register as an organ, tissue and eye donor, an easy one. But in case you have a few more questions here are a few truths about donation.



In Wisconsin, any one of us, age 15 and half or older, can register as a donor regardless of age, race or medical history.



The first priority of medical professionals is to save lives. Your donation status does not affect your care.



Donation does not become an option until death has been declared.



Donors and their families are treated with the utmost care, respect and dignity throughout the donation process.



All major religions in the U.S. support donation and view it as a final act of love and generosity.

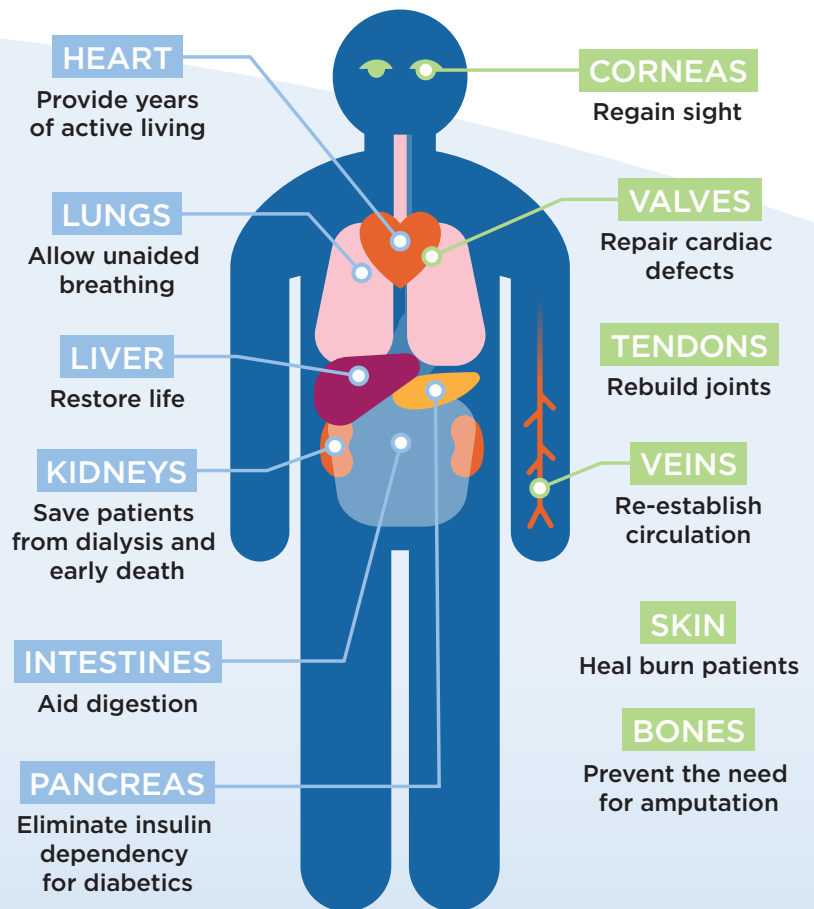


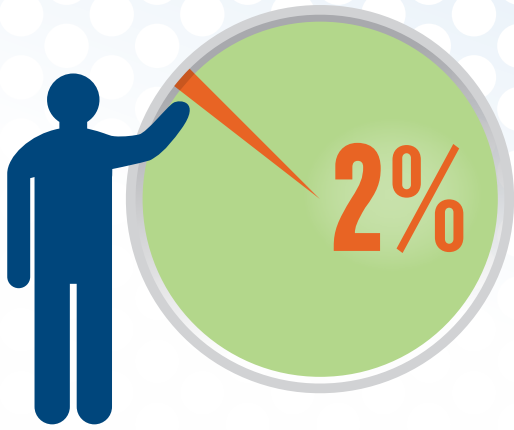
There is no financial cost to the donor or their family for donation.

So Many Ways to Save and Heal Lives

There are so many ways we, as organ, tissue and eye donors can save and heal lives.

- **Organ Donation**
- **Tissue Donation**





Very Few

Something else you should know is that very few people—only about two percent—die in a way that allows for organ donation. That’s why it’s so important to register your decision as a donor.



Be a Hero

Join the nearly three million Wisconsinites who have said “Yes, I want to be an organ, tissue and eye donor.” Help us save and heal lives.

It’s Easy

There are two easy ways to register as a donor.

When you go to the DMV, you can check the “organ donor” box on your driver’s license form. An orange dot is added to your driver’s license to indicate you’re a registered donor.

Or, you can register in just minutes online at DonateLifeWisconsin.org. But you need to have a driver’s license or state ID to register online.

You can also register online in Spanish at DoneVidaWisconsin.org.





I wish to be **a donor.**

Share Your Decision

Whether you register at the DMV or online, please be sure to share your decision with your parents or legal guardian.

Thank You

We are grateful to the Wisconsin residents who donated \$2 at the DMV to fund organ donation education, including this workbook and the video produced by Donate Life Wisconsin.



Your Thoughts

Please complete this section after watching the video.

Now that you've watched the video and read this workbook, are you ready to say "Yes?" Do you plan to register as an organ, tissue and eye donor? If so, finish the sentence:

"I will say 'Yes' because..."

And, remember, once you register, please share your decision with a parent or guardian.

Or, you may still have some questions. What are they?

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Learn More

Visit DonateLifeWisconsin.org to learn more about organ, tissue and eye donation and the need for more donors. You'll find videos, fact sheets, infographics and more. Also, follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DonateLifeWisconsin](https://www.facebook.com/DonateLifeWisconsin).

