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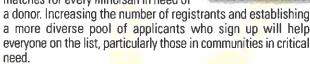
## Be an Organ & Tissue Donor



SECRETARY of STATE

As Secretary of State, it's an honor to lead the State's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry with the goal of ending the wait for so many Illinoisans who need organ transplants.

My commitment is to grow the Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to find matches for every Illinoisan in need of



That's why we've streamlined and automated the registration process and increased registration locations to expand the donor network across the state. We've also enhanced training for Secretary of State staff to better inform and educate the public about organ and tissue donation.

The facts speak for themselves: approximately 4,000 people are on the transplant waiting list; about 300 people die waiting for a transplant every year; and a single donor can save or improve the lives of up to 25 people.

That means you can make a difference!

Please join the Secretary of State's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry at LifeGoesOn.com. Already registered? Please encourage your friends and family to sign up as well.

Sincerely,

Alexi Giannoulias Illinois Secretary of State

Join the registry.

Visit LifeGoesOn.com Call (800) 210-2106

Sign up at any Driver Services Facility

Mail in the attached registration card

## Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry

- To join the registry, you must have a valid ID and be at least 16 years old.
- Donors are needed for all races and ethnic groups.
- People of all ages and medical histories are potential donors.
- Up to 25 people can benefit from a single donor.
- Many major religions support donation as a charitable act of giving to others.
- Donation is not considered until all efforts to save a person's life have failed.
- A donor's family is never charged for the recovery of organs, nor do they receive compensation.
- Funeral/burial arrangements are not delayed due to organ/tissue donation.
- Hearts, kidneys, lungs, pancreas, liver, intestines, corneas, skin, tendons, bones and nerves can be donated.
- Organs are matched by blood and tissue typing, organ size, medical urgency, waiting time and location.
- Success rates increase when organs are matched between members of the same ethnic background.
- Buying or selling organs and receiving money or gifts in exchange for donated organs is illegal.
- Consent to be a donor may be withdrawn at any time by notifying the Secretary of State's office.



Micaela, a 2001 liver recipient was featured in the 2007 Organ Donor video. She is featured again in the 2023 video.

Illinois Driver's License/ID Card Number City/State/ZIP Street Address name in the registry, I do not have full legal authority for the donation of my organs and/or tissues upon my death and that my Ages parent or guardian has the authority to overturn my decision until I turn 18 that I am under no obligation to register as an organ/tissue donor and that I may consult family, friends or clergy before doing so. Ages 18 & older: Please include my name in the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. I understand that by consenting to include my name in the registry, I have given full legal authority for the donation of my organs and/or tissues upon my death. I understanc : 16 & 17: Please include my name in the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. I understand that by consenting to include my

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