

Sample newsletter article

The Gift of Life

Transplantation holds the promise of life for thousands of patients with life-threatening conditions and diseases. More than 28,000 organ transplants, 446,000 eye transplants and 750,000 tissue transplants are performed each year in the U.S. These people are the fortunate few, considering that more than 100,000 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant, and a new name is added to the organ transplant waiting list every 13 minutes. Thousands more wait for a bone, tissue, marrow or eye transplant.

People of all ages are awaiting transplant. In fact, people under the age of 49 make up almost 50 percent of the organ transplant waiting list. People with diabetes, high blood pressure, cystic fibrosis and other common illnesses are on the waiting list. For burn victims, donor skin can make the difference between life and death. Donated bones and tissue replace those lost to cancer, trauma, joint disease, arthritis and other conditions. Heart valves give patients a chance to resume normal life activities, and transplanted corneas can restore vision.

Advances in technology allow more people than ever to be donors. Even those over 70 years of age and those with previous medical conditions can donate.

To make your intent known as a donor, click on the online email link at: donatelifewisconsin.org. Not sure you've already shared your intent to be a donor? Feel free to fill out the form at this link. Your record will be updated if necessary.