



# Driving Hope

A newsletter for PA driver's license partners



## 2020 THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

### ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

What a remarkable year it was for donation and transplantation in Pennsylvania. The Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) and Gift of Life Donor Program are proud to announce that, even amidst a global pandemic, 943 Pennsylvanians were able to give the gift of life in 2020, saving 2,411 others through organ donation. Thank you for decades of saving lives together!



"While these lives saved are a culmination of the commitment and the energy shown by DMV partners, we must always remember that our work is only made possible by the selfless donors and their generous families who make the powerful decision to give the gift of life."

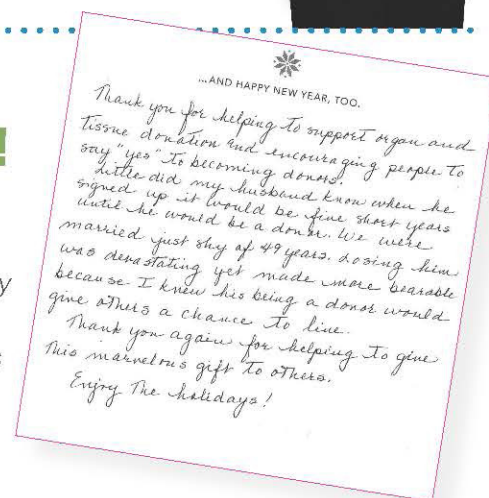
Susan Stuart  
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## PA CUSTOMER TO DMVS: THANKS FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE!

PennDOT in Harrisburg received this heartfelt letter from a woman whose husband had recently died and become a donor. It reads:

"Thank you for helping to support organ and tissue donation and encouraging people to say 'yes' to becoming donors. Little did my husband know when he signed up, it would be five short years until he would be a donor. We were married just shy of 49 years. Losing him was devastating but made more bearable because I knew his being a donor would give others a chance to live. Thank you again for helping to give this marvelous gift to others. Enjoy the holidays!"



Donation is a team effort. Thank you to our partners across Pennsylvania for helping make donation happen.

**12 million**  
Pennsylvania  
Residents

**18**  
Transplant Centers  
in Pennsylvania

**249**  
Hospital Partners  
in Pennsylvania

**72**  
PA Driver  
Licensing Offices

**7,000**  
Pennsylvanians Need an  
Organ Transplant

**2**  
Pennsylvanians  
Die Waiting Today



# Spotlight

## DLPA UNVEILS NEW BROCHURES: NEW MATERIALS AT PENNDOT NOW

Donate Life Pennsylvania is introducing a new educational brochure featuring images of Pennsylvanians whose lives have been touched by organ donation. The brochure is now being distributed at DMVs statewide, and the stories behind the images will be shared on Donate Life Pennsylvania's webpage. You'll also notice new computer toppers, posters and lanyards at your PennDOT locations! Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the new materials and the stories of those Pennsylvanians featured at [www.donatelifepa.org](http://www.donatelifepa.org).

### Good Question!

#### Can't only young people be organ donors?

No. In fact, close to 40% of all organ donors every year are age 50 and older! You're never too old or too young!

### KNOW THE FACTS...

- Everyone can register to become a donor, not just people who are young or in perfect health.
- No matter what, EMTs and doctors will do everything to save your life, and they are never part of the transplant team — it's the law.
- Organ and tissue donation does not interfere with an open casket funeral.
- All major religions support donation for its humanity and compassion.
- Most donor families find tremendous comfort and healing knowing their loved one was able to help others as a final act.

### MATERIALS

All materials are free of charge and can be ordered at [www.DonateLifePA.org](http://www.DonateLifePA.org).



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