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LiveOnNY

Caring for New Yorkers through organ donation

The LiveOnNY mission is to save lives, provide comfort, and strengthen legacies through organ, eye and tissue donation.

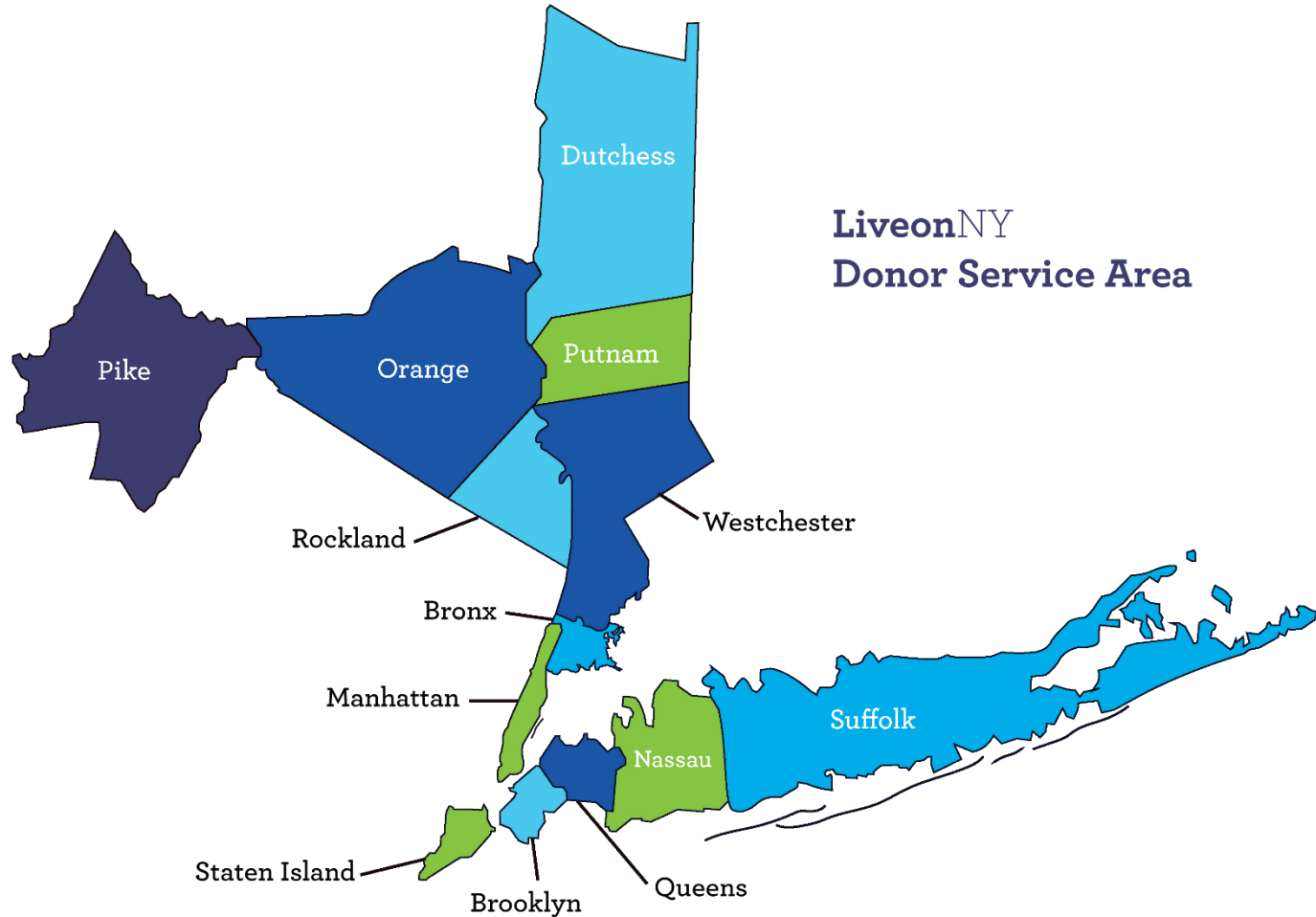
- We work with local hospitals and transplant centers to deliver the gift of life.
- We care for the families of the organ donors who selflessly give the gift of life.
- We educate the community about the power of donation.
- We advocate on behalf of those who are waiting for transplant.



Roxanne received Michael's heart when he passed away.



LiveOnNY Donation Service Area



LiveOnNY's Impact

**Over 27,000
lifesaving organs
transplanted**

**594,000+ lives
improved through
tissue donation**

**7 million registered
organ & tissue donors
enrolled in New York**

Lauren, heart recipient



We Need Action

Only 45% of New Yorkers are registered organ donors.



Low registration rates have led to an organ shortage.



Due to the shortage, those who need transplants wait longer.



The Need for Organ Donation



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There are roughly 9,000* New Yorkers waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant.

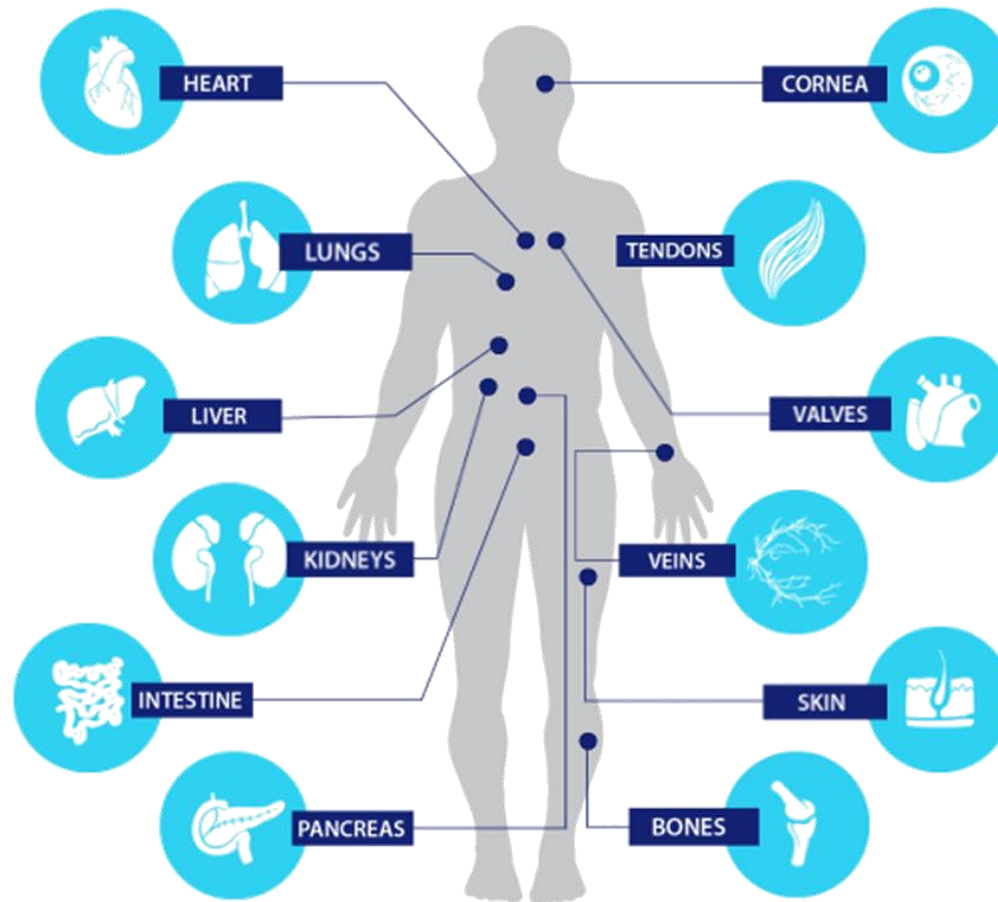
- Kidney ~ 7,487
- Liver ~ 656
- Heart ~ 292
- Lungs ~ 100

8,000 of those who wait live in the LiveOnNY Designated Service Area.



One Donor's Impact

1 organ donor can save **8** lives



And improve up to **75** lives through tissue donation



Understanding the Organ Donation Process

Conditions That Can Lead to Organ Transplants

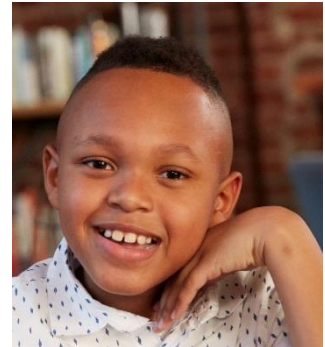
Diabetes and hypertension can result in the need for a kidney transplant.

**Mary,
Kidney recipient**



Untreated hepatitis and cirrhosis can lead to someone requiring a liver transplant.

**Aiden,
Liver recipient**



Congestive heart failure and cardiomyopathy are conditions that may require a heart transplant.

**Angie,
Heart recipient**



Registering on the Transplant Waiting List

Get a referral: A doctor must refer a patient to a transplant program as a potential transplant candidate.



Gather Information: The transplant center will collect details on the patient.



Evaluation Appointment: The transplant center will conduct an evaluation to find out if the patient is a good candidate for transplant.



Get Listed: If the transplant team members determine that a patient is a suitable candidate, they will add the person to the national transplant waiting list.



How Are Donated Organs Matched to Transplant Recipients

- Several factors are considered when matching an organ to a waiting patient.
 - Blood type
 - Body mass
 - Rank on the national transplant waiting list
 - Geographic proximity between the donor and recipient
- Information gathered from medical tests are used to identify the best match from the transplant waiting list.
- It is illegal to make organ donation matches based on race, gender, religion, income status, social status, or celebrity.



How Does Organ Donation Happen?

Organ, eye and tissue donation only happens when a patient dies in a hospital and has been declared dead by a doctor.

- A patient must be signed up as an organ donor, or authorization has to be granted by a family member or legal guardian on the patient's behalf.
- Candidates for donation must have been placed on a ventilator prior to their death or have died while on a ventilator.
- Extensive testing is performed to ensure the organs are healthy and to identify a matching transplant recipient.

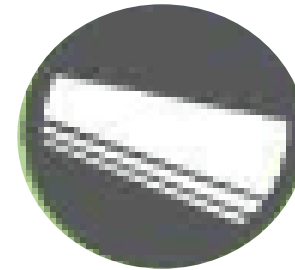


How A Tissue Transplant Helps

Corneas restore the loss of vision resulting from injury, disease, infection or hereditary condition.



Tendons/ligaments can be used for athletes who have torn their ACLs or for rotator cuff reconstruction.



Donated skin can be used as a biological bandage to prevent infection after suffering from a serious burn.



What if Someone Doesn't Sign Up as an Organ, Eye or Tissue Donor?

If someone hadn't signed up as a donor prior to the time of their death, donation is still possible.

Family members who can authorize organ donation on a person's behalf include:

- Spouse or domestic partner (if not legally separated)
- Parent
- Adult child
- Sibling
- Grandparent
- Adult grandchild
- Legal guardian



Tomasa donated her son's organs when he died.



Clarifying Organ Donation Myths

The Myth

“Doctors won’t try as hard to save me.”



The Truth

~~*“Doctors won’t try as hard to save me.”*~~

- All hospital staff including doctors, nurses, and EMT workers are trained, focused, and legally obligated to save lives.
- The doctors who treat patients are not affiliated with organ, eye, and tissue donation.



The Myth

“I’m too old/too sick to be an organ donor.”



The Truth

~~*“I’m too old/too sick to be an organ donor.”*~~

- There is no age limit for organ, eye, and tissue donation.
 - **The oldest donor on record in New York State was 93 years old.**
- Anyone and everyone can sign up to be a registered organ, eye and tissue donor.
 - **Medical history is reviewed at the time of donation to determine a match.**



The Myth

“I won’t be able to have a normal funeral.”



The Truth

~~*“I won’t be able to have a normal funeral.”*~~

- Organ, eye and tissue recovery for donation are surgical procedures, treated with the utmost care and respect.
 - **Open casket viewing is possible.**
- **LiveOnNY** works with families’ timeframes for burial.



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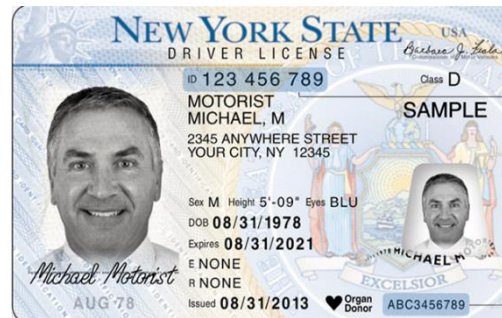
- Major religions celebrate organ donation as a way to save lives. Including:
 - **Buddhism, Catholicism, Christianity, Islam, and Judaism**
- Organ donation is seen as an opportunity to save lives, extend one's blessings, and a final act of kindness and generosity by many religions.



Great, How Do I Sign Up?

How Does Someone Become an Organ Donor?

The process of donation most often begins with a person consenting to be an organ donor by signing up in their state.



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I will sign up to become an organ, eye and tissue donor today at liveonny.org

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Thank You!

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