



Why Registering to be an Organ Donor is Important

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DO YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP SAVE LIVES?



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LIVES**

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American Heart Association



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Christopher Barnes
Organ Donor
2002 – 2007

Christopher was a very energetic 4 year old that loved life and everyone. He loved to play with his cars and with his older brother. He always had a smile and made you smile. Christopher was an avid bowler. He started bowling at the age of 3. His highest game was an 83. He was never without a car in his hand, a rub-on tattoo on his arm, and his favorite stuffed dog. Christopher also loved drag racing. He would watch every weekend and cheer for every car that raced. Christopher is deeply missed by his family, friends, and everyone that he met. His 14 year old cousin wrote a poem shortly after Christopher passed away. "I remember you of how you always smile even though you only stayed for a little while. Everybody knew you were Christabear, and everybody knew you had the cutest hair. We all knew how you loved Thomas the Train, and how wonderful of a boy that you became. You were so wonderful of saying the ABC's and counting your 123's and also how you're a better bowler than me. I wrote this poem for you, just to say how much I love you." Christopher loved emergency vehicles of all kinds. Not a day would pass that loved to hear the sirens of an ambulance or a fire truck. Christopher gave life to 4 people when he passed away. His heart, his liver, and both kidneys. I feel truly blessed that our son helped the lives of four people.

Did You Know?

Things you may not know about Christopher:

- Loved muscle cars
- Wanted to be a firefighter
- Loved trains and airplanes
- Macaroni & cheese was his favorite
- Always had to have chicken nuggets
- His brother was his best friend

More things you may not know about Christopher:

- Born in: Lubbock, TX
- Lived in: Lubbock, TX



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Hud James Bowden

Organ Recipient

1967 – 2005

In loving memory of our dear brother and a very loving uncle to his nieces and nephews.

Hud James Bowden

June 3, 1967 - June 18, 2005

He could have received the donor heart any day, but we received the phone call on October 4, 1988 saying they found a donor. This day will always be very special to us for two reasons, it was the two year anniversary of our mother's passing and it was also the day Hud was to be given a second chance at life. We feel our mother was still taking care of her son Hud and watching over him from heaven even after she was gone.

Hud lived 17 years longer than he would have thanks to his successful heart transplant. According to his doctors he would not have made it through the weekend without the transplant.

Did You Know?

Things you may not know about Hud James:

- Good Friends: Kyle, Josh, Simon, Gerard, Jessie, Aaron, Rosenberg, Matt
- Loved going to the Lake with his friends
- Hanging out with his friends in Valley Hi when he was in San Antonio
- Best Friends: Keith, Sybilie, Tim Bain
- Liked to play Golf
- Loved to play Everquest, watch the San Antonio Spurs and go to UT Longhorn games

DONATE LIFE



May 2004

Jim G. Manuel
August 29, 1953 – April 21, 2007

Jim waited on the transplant list 10 months. For those initially listed at the same meld score as Jim's initial score, the median waiting time is 24 months. Thousands wait as long as 5 or more years.



March 2007

This is our family. Jim is my husband and as you can see, he passed away 4 years ago. I chose these photos so you can see how his health declined as he fought Hepatitis C and eventually cirrhosis of the liver. HepC is a significant health issue. More than 5 million people in the U.S. are infected with it and maybe almost 200 million in the world (4). It will soon kill more people than aids according to C. Everett Koop, former U.S. surgeon general. (Hepatitis C: An Epidemic for Anyone, 2009. The C. Everett Koop Institute at Dartmouth College. Retrieved July 16, 2009 from <http://www.epidemic.org/theFacts/theEpidemic/>)

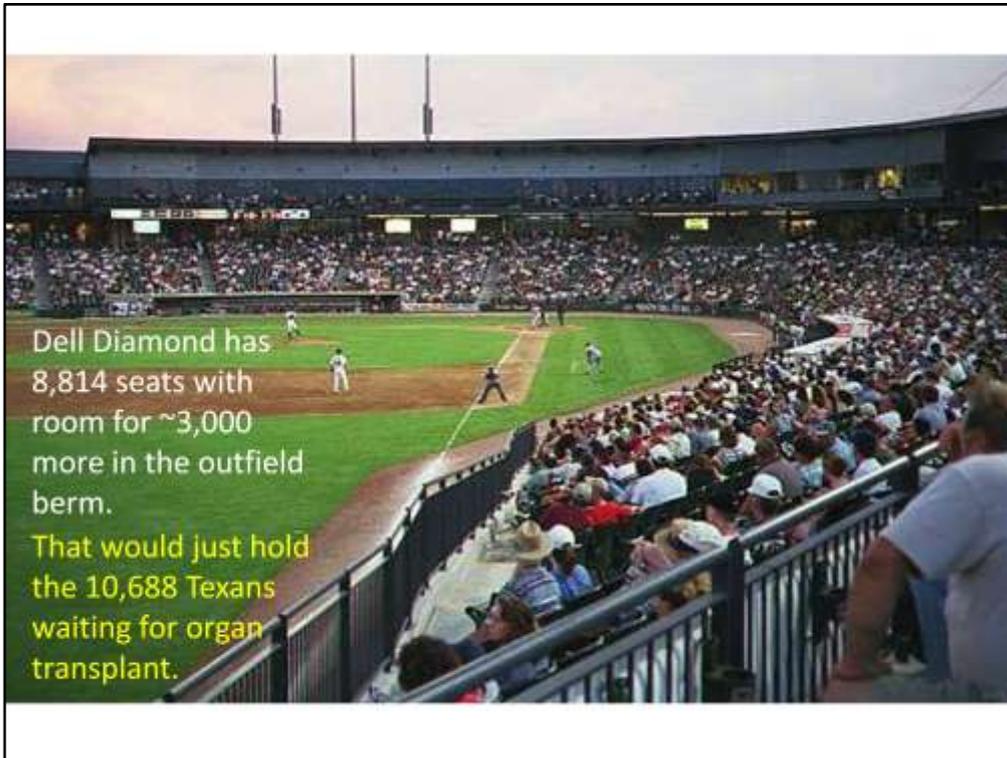


Jim was a very active guy. He loved target and cowboy action shooting. He built his shop all by himself. The picture on the lower right is him in the hospital and the last one I have of him before he died. Jim's death was an epiphany for me.



UT's Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium seats 100,119 people...
...which is **11,502 fewer** people than are on the transplant waiting list

As of June 19, there are 111,621 people on the waiting list nationally.
The waiting list increases by about *28 people a day*.



10,688 Texans are waiting for organs.

5,049 or 41% of the list are Hispanics.

Three quarters (9,056) are waiting for kidneys.

Nearly half needing kidneys are Hispanics, 4,330 or 48%.

Most wait for kidneys 1-2 years with 2,214 waiting 3 to 5 or more years.

6,702 died waiting for organs in Texas over the last 15 years.



THOUSANDS ARE WAITING FOR ORGANS*

Working together. Saving lives.

UNOS unites the transplant community to save lives through organ transplantation. [More >](#)

Transplant Trends

Waiting list candidates as of today 7:24pm	111,621
Active waiting list candidates as of today 7:24pm	72,389
Transplants January - March 2011	6,708
Donors January - March 2011	3,346



Lacey, heart recipient

The waiting list increases by about **28 people a day**.

About 18 patients die every day. One about every 80 minutes.

* As of June 19, 2011

- In 2008, UNOS reported about 18 patients die every day or one about every 80 minutes.

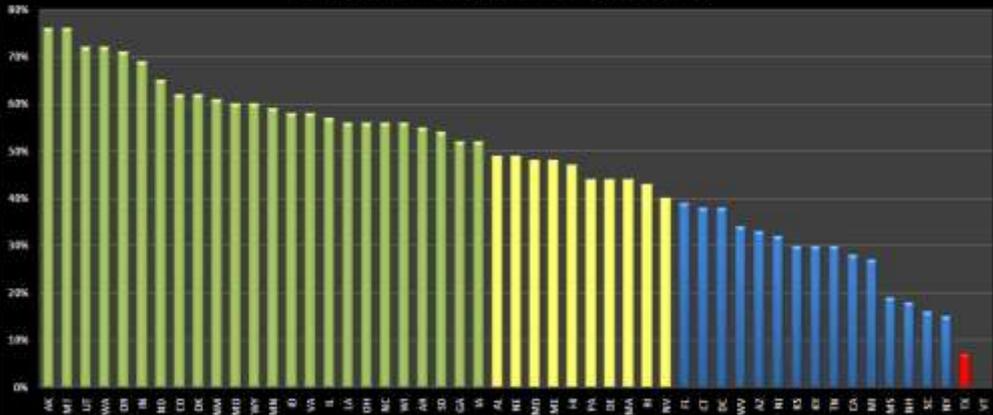
(UNOS, 2010)



TEXAS REGISTRATION RATE COMPARISON

- In 2011 to date, Texas has ~9% of its adult population registered; only Vermont has a lower rate.

% of population designated donor by state (2010)



(Donate Life Report, 2010)



HOW MANY LIVES CAN BE SAVED?



Interactive Images provided courtesy of Gift of a Lifetime

- An organ donor can potentially save the lives of eight people!
- A tissue donor can help up to fifty people!

Let's do a little bit of education about organ donation.





MYTH: IF EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTORS KNOW YOU'RE AN ORGAN DONOR, THEY WON'T WORK AS HARD TO SAVE YOU.

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MYTH: WHEN YOU'RE WAITING FOR A TRANSPLANT, YOUR FINANCIAL OR CELEBRITY STATUS IS AS IMPORTANT AS YOUR MEDICAL STATUS.

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"I'd settle for five minutes of infamy."



MYTH: HAVING "ORGAN DONOR" NOTED ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR CARRYING A DONOR CARD IS ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO BECOME A DONOR.

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MYTH: ONLY HEARTS, LIVERS, AND KIDNEYS CAN BE TRANSPLANTED.

- **Fact:** Not only hearts, livers, and kidneys, but also lungs, pancreas, intestines, and tendons can be donated.



kidneys, heart valves, and other tissues that can be transplanted.



MYTH: YOUR HISTORY OF MEDICAL ILLNESS MEANS YOUR ORGANS OR TISSUES ARE UNFIT FOR DONATION. YOU ARE TOO OLD TO BE A DONOR.

- **Fact:** A professional athlete with a history of medical conditions can be a donor. Many professional athletes have donated organs.
- **Fact:** A person with a history of medical conditions should consult their doctor to determine what organs they can donate.



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MYTH: IF YOU AGREE TO DONATE YOUR ORGANS, YOUR FAMILY WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE COSTS.

- **Fact:** The family or estate pays for organ donation. The recipient pays for the recipient's medical costs.



family or estate
medical costs remain



MYTH: ORGAN DONATION DISFIGURES THE BODY AND CHANGES THE WAY IT LOOKS IN A CASKET.

- **Fact:** Donated organs are removed during a routine operation. Donated organs are removed from the body for



and surgically, in a bladder or appendix. Organ donation does not change the appearance of the body.



MYTH: YOUR RELIGION PROHIBITS ORGAN DONATION.

- **Fact:** All major organized religions approve of organ and tissue donation and consider it an act of charity.

Catholicism

Catholics view organ and tissue donation as an act of charity and love. Transplants are morally and ethically acceptable to the Vatican. According to Father Leroy Wick, a director of the Office of Health Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago, "We encourage donation as an act of charity. It is something good that can result from tragedy and a way for families to find comfort by helping others." Pope John Paul II has stated, "The Catholic Church would deplore the fact that there is a need for organ donors and Christians should accept this as a 'challenge to their generosity and fraternal love' so long as ethical principles are followed." Also, newly elected Pope Benedict XVI told an interviewer he has been a card-carrying donor for years, saying "to donate one's organs is an act of love."

Islam

The religion of Islam strongly believes in the principle of saving human lives. According to A. Saheedna in his Transplantation Proceedings (1990) article, Islamic Views on Organ Transplantation, "...the majority of the Muslim scholars belonging to various schools of Islamic law have invoked the principle of the priority of saving human life and have permitted the organ transplant as a necessity to procure that noble end."

Protestant

Protestants encourage and endorse organ donation. The Protestant faith respects an individual's conscience and a person's right to make decisions regarding his or her own body. The Reverend James W. Rasbach, Lutheran Board of Communication Services, Missouri-Synod, says, "We accept and believe that our Lord Jesus Christ came to give life and give it in abundance. Organ donations enable more abundant life, alleviate pain and suffering and are an expression of love in times of tragedy."

Baptist

Organ and tissue donation is supported as an act of charity. The Baptist Church leaves the decision up to the individual. The nation's largest Protestant denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, adopted a resolution in 1988 encouraging physicians to request organ donation in appropriate circumstances and to "...encourage volunteerism regarding organ donation in the spirit of stewardship, compassion for the needs of others and alleviating suffering."



MYTH: THERE IS REAL DANGER OF BEING HEAVILY DRUGGED, THEN WAKING TO FIND YOU HAVE HAD ONE KIDNEY REMOVED FOR A BLACK MARKET TRANSPLANT.

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Chris Henry

Watch the moving story of Chris Henry, a Cincinnati Bengals NFL receiver who died in 2009 following an...



John

Thanks to a cornea transplant, John was able to see again for the first time in 31 years...



Tyler

For Tyler, a bone transplant meant the chance to live a normal life again.



JePahl

For more than seven years, JePahl endured dialysis treatments three times a week for four hours per session...



Priscilla

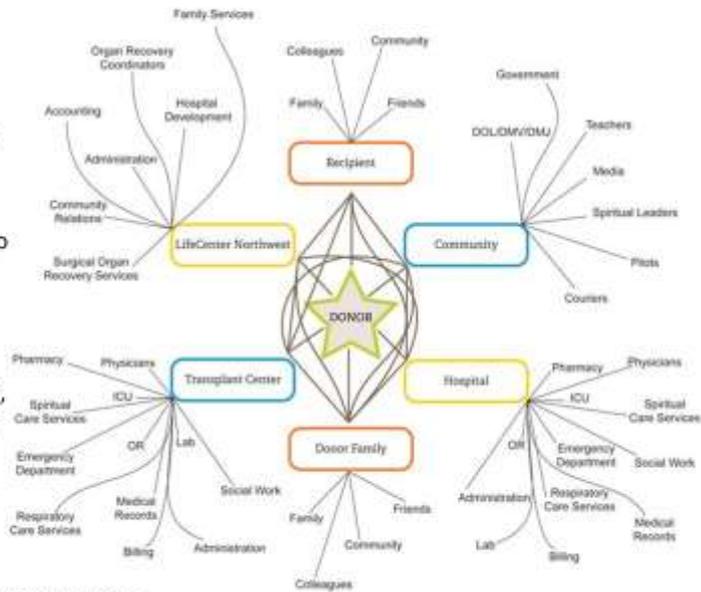
At two years of age, Priscilla received a heart transplant that saved her life. She is now a...



POWER OF ONE TEAM

It has been said, on average it takes over 250 people to make one organ transplant happen.

From the donor family who says yes, the nurse at the bedside, the lab technician, the person filling the jet fuel to transport a precious organ, to the recipients and their family, the Power of One Team helps families heal from loss and gives life to another.

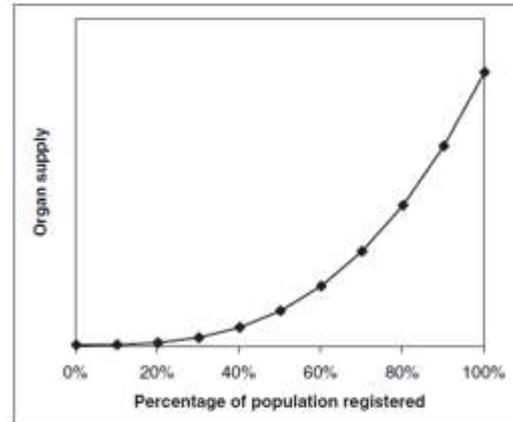


www.donatelifetoday.com/content/power-of-one



IT TAKES A LOT OF REGISTRATIONS TO BE ABLE TO SAVE LIVES

- The possibility of becoming an organ donor is extremely rare for most people
- Only individuals who die a brain death, in a hospital, on a ventilator can become organ donors.



(Howard & Byrne, 2007)



WHAT CAN **YOU** DO ABOUT THE ORGAN SHORTAGE?

- **REGISTER** to be a donor. It's that easy.
- To borrow Nike's phrase, **JUST DO IT.**
- Go online at www.donatelifetexas.org
- Tell your family and friends.



It is important to register in the new registry. If you indicated your desire on your driver's license years ago, those records were not brought over into the new registry.

Let me tell you the rest of my story. One day my daughter came to me saying "mom I have something to tell you and I think you're not going to like it." "oh great, I'm thinking." "I got a tatoos she said" knowing that I don't like tatoos. Then she showed it to me. This is a photo of her tatoos. You see, after experiencing what Jim went through on the waiting list, she doesn't want anyone to ever mistake her intent to be a donor.



111,621 PEOPLE ARE WAITING



Jamie, lung recipient



Diana, kidney recipient



Nicholas, liver recipient



Patti, liver recipient



Mitchell, heart recipient



Thank you!

Q & A



Table 1 The Lifetime Probability of Becoming a Potential Organ Donor

Age Group	1 Actual Donors	2 Potential Donors	3 Years in Group	4 Population (in Millions)	5 Donor Probability	6 Survival Probability	7 Lifetime Probability
1: < 1 year	31	65	1	4.0	0.000016	1.00	0.0031
2: 1-5 years	154	321	4	19.5	0.000066	0.99	0.0031
3: 6-10 years	103	215	5	20.2	0.000053	0.99	0.0030
4: 11-17 years	503	1049	7	29.2	0.000251	0.99	0.0030
5: 18-34 years	1588	3312	17	68.4	0.000823	0.98	0.0028
6: 35-49 years	1552	3237	15	66.1	0.000735	0.96	0.0020
7: 50-64 years	1426	2974	15	46.0	0.000969	0.90	0.0013
8: 65+ years	397	828	19	35.8	0.000440	0.75	0.0004
Total	5754	12,000		289.3	0.003353		

(Howard & Byrne, 2007)