

2010 Donor Alliance Fact Sheet

Donor Alliance is the federally-designated, Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) and American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) accredited, non-profit organ procurement organization tissue bank serving Colorado and most of Wyoming. As a recognized leader in facilitating the donation and recovery of transplantable organs and tissues, Donor Alliance's mission is to save lives through organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

To achieve this mission, Donor Alliance employs an effective family approach and recovery programs in more than 100 hospitals. Donor Alliance also inspires the public to register as organ and tissue donors through community partnerships, public outreach and education campaigns throughout our donation service area.

Vision Statement: Donor Alliance will serve all who need transplantation by maximizing the number of available organs and tissues with a commitment to innovations, new technology and influencing policy.

Fast Facts about Organ and Tissue Donation:

Local stats:

- In Colorado and Wyoming 1,999 people are currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant.
- Of those, 1,333 are currently waiting for a kidney – the organ most in need (66%) – and 518 are waiting for a liver (26%).
- 20% of current transplant candidates in Colorado have been on the waiting list for 5 years or more.
- 48% of those waiting for an organ transplant are between 50 and 64 years of age.
- Colorado is the nation's highest-performing state donor registry in 2009, with 64% of driver's license/ID card applicants registering as organ and tissue donors.
- In 2009, Donor Alliance recovered organs for transplant from 115 donors; of those 56 were on either the Colorado or Wyoming Donor Registry (50%).
- In 2009, Donor Alliance recovered tissue for transplant from 894 donors; of those 494 were on either the Colorado or Wyoming Donor Registry (55%).

National stats:

- Today, 107,776 people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants nationally – an average of 245 people being added to the waiting list each month.
- Recoverable organs include: heart, lung, liver, kidney, pancreas and small bowel.
- Tissues that are recoverable include: bone, tendons and corneas as well veins, valves and skin.
- One donor can save up to **eight lives** through organ donation and save and heal more than **100 lives** through tissue donation.
- Every year, the lives of about 500,000 Americans are saved by organ and tissue donation.
- 16,072 (15%) of patients waiting are in need of a liver transplant. 85,291 people (79%) are in need of a kidney.
- On average, 18 people die each day from the lack of available organs for transplant.
- Every 12 minutes another name is added to the national transplant waiting list.
- Approximately 1,500,000 tissue transplants are performed annually.
- More than 6,000 living donations occur each year. One in four donors is not biologically related to the recipient.

To learn more about organ and tissue donation, please visit www.DonorAlliance.org or call 303-329-4747.

People can join the *Donate Life* Colorado or Wyoming Registries by visiting:
www.DonateLifeColorado.org or www.DonateLifeWyoming.org

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