



Donate Life Month: April 2024

OneLegacy Public Education Partnership

Since 2005, OneLegacy has requested the support of Southern California civic and community leaders to celebrate and encourage the gift of life at the Donate Life Run/Walk and throughout Donate Life Month. As leaders of your community, we hope you will join us in taking steps to raise awareness of the vital need for organ and tissue donors, celebrating and embracing the generous choice to give the gift of life.

The Need: Over 20,000 Californians need a life-saving transplant

- Even though more than 100 people per day received a life-saving transplant in 2023, about 17 die every day still waiting.
- California has only 12% of the nation's population, but nearly **21%** of the nation's currently-waiting transplant candidates.
- Only about half of all Californians are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.
- Illnesses that lead to the need for transplant are common. So, education about organ, eye and tissue donation should be common too.
- Saying **yes** to organ, eye and tissue donation is saying **yes** to *LIFE!*

The Request: Help Us Spread the Word to Save Lives

Celebrate Donate Life Month by sharing information about organ, eye and tissue donation with your residents throughout the month of April.

Include a call to action, encouraging residents to "sign up and save lives!" by visiting donatelifeCalifornia.org/OneLegacy/

Using our ready-made tools, you can enhance organ, eye and tissue donation awareness via your...

▪ Social Media Platforms	▪ City Website
▪ Email Newsletters	▪ City Proclamation
▪ Utility Bill Inserts	▪ And more!

Getting started is as easy as **Copy & Paste!** Click here or follow the QR code above to begin:
<https://www.onelegacy.org/wp/national-observances-toolkit>



2024 OneLegacy Donate Life Run/Walk: Join Us on Saturday, April 27!

We invite you to join us in-person for the 22nd annual OneLegacy Donate Life Run/Walk on Saturday, April 27, 2024! As an elected leader in our community, your participation sets an important tone for your constituents, and means the world to the Donate Life community. Please feel free to share information about the Run/Walk with your friends and family as well. The more, the merrier!

Anyone can visit www.DonateLifeRunWalk.org to register!

*Civic & community leaders are welcome to register as **OneLegacy Partners**, using the private link below.*

OneLegacy Partner registration includes catered breakfast and reserved seating. Due to space limitations, we kindly ask each city to limit RSVPs to 2 total OneLegacy Partner registrations.

Private Link for OneLegacy Partner Registration (click below, and select "OneLegacy Partner" when registering):

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Register?raceld=125320&privateEventCode=onelegacy> | Limit: 2



Above & Beyond – More Ways to Educate, Inspire, and Save Lives

Do you have additional ideas for how we can reach the community with this important message? Do you have general questions, comments, or concerns? Would you like an educational presentation about organ eye and tissue donation for your staff or community group? We want to hear from you!

- To submit events for OneLegacy Consideration, visit https://www.onelegacy.org/wp/event_request



Facts about Donation and Transplantation: Did you know...?

- THE GIFT – One **organ** donor can save the lives of up to **eight (8) people** by donating their heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas, and small intestines.
- THE GIFT – On average, one **tissue** donor can enhance the lives of **more than 75 people** by donating their corneas, skin, bones, and heart valves, among others.
- THE NEED – More than 46,000 organ transplants were performed in the U.S. in 2023, which was possible through the generosity of deceased and living donors.
- THE NEED – Over **100,000 people** are **currently waiting** for an organ transplant in the U.S.; over 23,000 in California alone.
- THE NEED – **17 patients die every day** while waiting because the organ they needed did not become available in time.
- THE NEED – The need for transplants is **disproportionately high among minority populations**. Communities of color often suffer higher incidences of conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes, which can lead to the need for a kidney transplant.
- DONOR REGISTRATION – To register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor Californians can go to www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org, or its Spanish counter-part www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.
- THE FACTS – **Patients are fairly matched** with a donor based on the severity of their illness, body size, tissue type, blood type and other important medical information.
- THE FACTS – Over 39,000 patients have their sight restored every year through cornea transplants.
- THE FACTS – Nearly one third of all deceased donors are age 50 or older. People of **all ages and medical histories** should consider themselves potential donors.
- THE FACTS – Every major religion in the United States supports organ donation as one of the highest expressions of compassion and generosity.
- LIVING DONATION - A living donor can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver, lung, pancreas or intestine. To explore living donation, visit www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org

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saving lives through organ, eye & tissue donation

DMV/Donate Life Month Proclamation

City of _____

April 2024



WHEREAS, organ, eye, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need;

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 individuals nationwide and more than 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 17 people die each day while waiting;

WHEREAS, the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic, Latino, and African American communities;

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives;

WHEREAS, donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 75 others;

WHEREAS, organ donors saved more than 46,000 lives last year, the most ever;

WHEREAS, any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions;

WHEREAS, being a registered donor does not impact the quality of life-saving medical care a person receives in an emergency;

WHEREAS, California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry online at any time by visiting www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or, for Spanish-speakers, www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org

WHEREAS, California residents can sign up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles;

WHEREAS, California residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation may visit www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the month of April 2023 is hereby proclaimed "**DMV/Donate Life Month**" in the City of _____, and in doing so we encourage all Californians to check "YES!" online, or when applying for or renewing their driver's license or I.D. card at the DMV.