

# About Donate Life California



**Mission:** Donate Life California saves lives by creating opportunities for all Californians to sign up on the official state organ, eye and tissue donor registry. Our vision is that one day all Californians will embrace organ, eye and tissue donation as their personal responsibility.

**Background:** Donate Life California is a private, nonprofit entity created to administer the state-authorized organ, eye and tissue donor registry dedicated to saving the lives of thousands of Californians awaiting life-saving transplants. Administered by California's four nonprofit, federally designated organ procurement organizations, or OPOs (which facilitate the donation process in the state), the Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry enables Californians to personally authorize the donation of organs, tissue and cornea after death. The vast majority of designated donors sign up through the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) when they apply for or renew their driver license and/or ID card (per SB 689 of 2005, which formalized the partnership between the DMV and Donate Life California, authorizing the DMV to enroll registrants). Californians can also enroll online at [donateLIFecalifornia.org](http://donateLIFecalifornia.org) or [doneVIDAcalifornia.org](http://doneVIDAcalifornia.org).

**Structure:** The Donate Life California board of directors is comprised of representatives from the OPOs who work in conjunction with Donate Life California's chief executive officer. The four California OPOs are:

- Donor Network West – serves Northern and Central California
- Lifesharing – serves San Diego and Imperial counties
- OneLegacy – serves the seven-county greater Los Angeles area
- Sierra Donor Services – serves the Sacramento metro area

**Fast Facts:** Since 2006, more than 600,000 lives have been saved or healed through organ, eye and tissue donation as a direct result of the Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry.

Californians make up approximately 18% of the 120,000 individuals on the national organ transplant waiting list.

Anyone, regardless of age or medical history, can sign up on the Donate Life California Registry. Families of registered donors under the age of 18 must still consent to donation before it can be carried out.