

Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry

By joining the registry, your wish to be an organ/tissue donor will be honored. Family consent is not required for those age 18 and older. Family consent is still required for those under age 18 and those not listed in the registry.

Donation is not considered until all efforts to save a person's life have failed.

Acceptable organs include the heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, pancreas and intestines. Tissues include skin, bone, corneas, tendons, heart valves, saphenous veins, blood and bone marrow.

More than 25 people can benefit from a single donor.

All major religions support donation as a charitable act of giving to others.

A donor's family is never charged for the recovery of organs, nor do they receive compensation.

Funeral/burial arrangements are not delayed due to organ/tissue donation.

Consent to be a donor may be withdrawn at any time by notifying the Secretary of State's office.

In the U.S., it is illegal to buy or sell organs.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

For more information:

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What if? This is a question that those in need of organ/tissue donation ask each day.



Without a kidney transplant, Jose Betancourt could have missed his daughter Jennifer's wedding. Without a liver transplant, Micaela Prunty might have missed her first prom. Without a heart transplant, Gwendolyn Westlund could have missed the Chicago Cubs winning the World Series. What if they hadn't received the donations they needed to continue living their lives?

What if it were you? Could you have benefited from organ or tissue donation?

Each year 300 people die in our state waiting for a transplant. One person's donation can improve the quality of life for up to 25 people. The current organ/tissue donor campaign highlights that the decision to become a donor can change a life. There are more than 6.1 million people registered to become organ/tissue donors in Illinois, but approximately 4,700 are still on the waiting list.

Join the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at www.LifeGoesOn.com. If you are already registered, please encourage friends and family to join as well.

Sincerely,
Jesse White
 Jesse White
 Illinois Secretary of State

Join the registry:

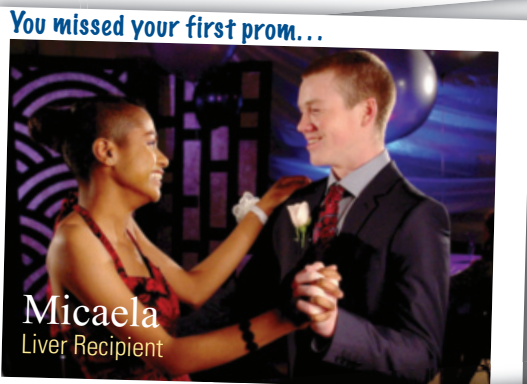
Visit:
LifeGoesOn.com.

Complete and mail
 the attached registration card.

Call:
800-210-2106
 or

Visit:
any Driver Services facility.

WHAT IF...



Don't let "what if" change your life.

- Please include my name in the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. I understand that by consenting to include my name in the registry, I have given full legal authority for the donation of my organs and/or tissues upon my death.

- I understand I am under no obligation to register as an organ/tissue donor and that I may consult family, friends or clergy before doing so.

Name

Street Address

City/State/ZIP

Illinois Driver's License/ID Card Number

Please complete and return this form to:
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