For additional information:
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Organ/Tissue Donor Program
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Be an organ/tissue donor®
**Ages 18 & older:**

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 that I am under no obligation to register as an organ/tissue donor and that my consent is not binding. If I do not consent to donation, I understand that it will not affect my health care in any way. I have been informed of the risks and benefits of donation and have had the opportunity to ask questions of my doctor and/or other health care provider. I understand, however, that no doctor can make a decision for me and that I have the right to make my own decision.

**Ages 16 & 17:**

Please include my name in the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry. I understand that by consenting to include my name in the registry, I do not have full legal authority for the donation of my organs and/or tissues upon my death and that my parent or guardian has the authority to consent on my behalf. However, I have had the opportunity to consult with my family and family members who are 18 years of age or older. I understand that I am not required to register as a donor and that my consent is not binding. If I do not consent to donation, I understand that it will not affect my health care in any way. I have been informed of the risks and benefits of donation and have had the opportunity to ask questions of my doctors or other health care providers.

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**Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry**

To join the registry, a person must have a valid ID and be at least 16.

- **Join the Registry:** Visit www.LifeGoesOn.com or call 800-210-2106 or visit any Driver Services facility.

- **Complete the Registration Form:** Complete and mail the attached registration card.

- **Funeral/Burial Arrangements:** Funeral arrangements are not delayed due to organ/tissue donation.

- **No Compensation:** A donor's family is never charged for the recovery of organs, nor do they receive any compensation.

- **Organ Donation:** Organ donation is not considered until all efforts to save a person's life have failed.

- **Acceptable Organs:** Acceptable organs include the heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, pancreas, intestines, skin, bone, bone marrow, corneas.

- **Tissues Donated:** Tissues include bone, corneas, tendons, heart valves, saphenous veins, blood and bone marrow.

- **Donor's Family:** The donor's family is never charged for the recovery of organs.

- **Donation Program:** More than 25 people can benefit from a single donor.

- **Organ/Tissue Donor Program:** All major religions support donation as a charitable act of giving to others.

- **Consent to Be a Donor:** Consent to be a donor may be withdrawn at any time by notifying the Secretary of State’s Office.

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Tanisha Basham was told by doctors that the only way to save her life was with a new heart. She suffered from congestive heart failure and her heart was only functioning at 9 percent. Her life was saved because of an organ donor.

Vicki Walker was a friend of the Basham family and knew about Tanisha's need for an organ transplant. When Vicki's daughter, Domonique 'Nikki' Smith, passed away, Vicki made the decision to donate Nikki's heart to Tanisha. Tanisha received a lifesaving gift, and now she has a second chance at life.

Tanisha and Vicki advocate for the Organ/Tissue Donor Program because it changed their lives. Tanisha received a new heart, and Nikki's life was saved by someone else. Vicki and Tanisha encourage others to join the Organ/Tissue Donor Registry to help others.

Organ donation can improve the quality of life for up to 53 people. One person’s donation can help five people to live longer. Donation increases the number of people who can live longer. People who have received organ transplants have a better quality of life. People who have received tissue transplants have a better quality of life.

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Please complete and return this form in a stamped envelope to:

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Sincerely,

Jesse White
Secretary of State