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The Gift of Life: Understanding the Importance of Organ Donation

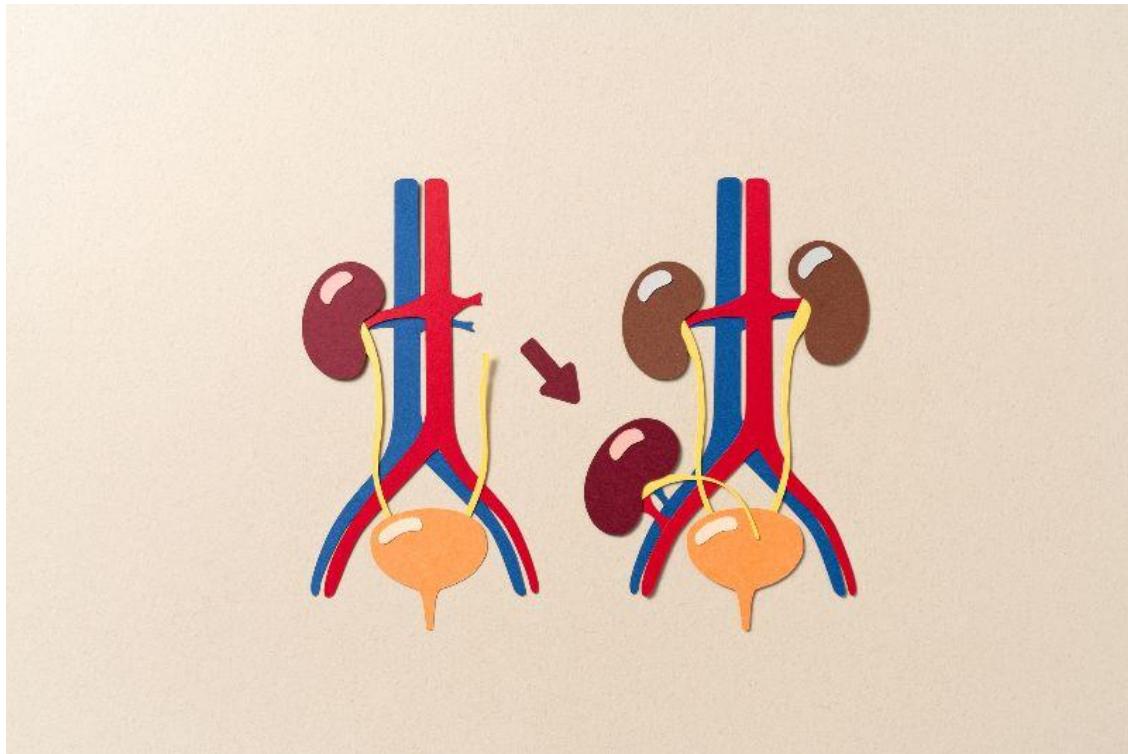


According to Donate Life America, every eight minutes, another person joins the queue for a life-saving organ transplant. Daily, 16 individuals on the waiting list perish before receiving the organ they desperately require.

Signing up to be a tissue, eye and organ donor, or making a living organ donation, is extremely important to help save lives. There are currently more people on the transplant list than there are organs available.

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What Are the Benefits of a Kidney Transplant?



If you need a kidney transplant, you may have been suffering from end-stage kidney disease (renal failure) for a long time. You may have had to be on dialysis, or you may have suffered other health complications that could have shortened your lifespan.

The good news is that a kidney transplant can help you live a normal, longer life. You will get more time to spend with your family and friends, travel, work or engage in activities you enjoy.

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Service Spotlight

Living Kidney Donor Transplant Program



Many people do not realize that for kidneys, a living donation is an option. Living kidney donation takes place when a living person donates one of their kidneys to someone in need of a transplant. This donor can be a friend, relative or anonymous donor.

UofL Health – Trager Transplant Center provides minimally invasive surgical techniques, which result in shorter hospital stays and a quicker recovery time. The transplant team includes surgeons, nephrologists, psychologists, transplant coordinators, social workers and an independent living donor advocate who all work together to ensure you have the best personalized care.

Call the Living Donor Program directly at [502-587-4358](tel:502-587-4358), option 5. You may also complete the referral form [here](#).

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Patient Story

Heart Transplant Patient Celebrates One-Year Transplant Anniversary with his Care Team



One year ago, Duewy Scobee faced one of the biggest challenges of his life—a heart transplant at [UofL Health – Trager Transplant Center](#). Now, he returned to celebrate his second chance at life with the team that made it possible.

A talented cake decorator, Duewy made a special dessert featuring a gloved hand holding a heart—a heartfelt tribute to the incredible transplant team that saved his life. The road to transplant came with many emotions and big decisions, but with the support of his family and the dedicated team of surgeons, doctors, transplant coordinators, social workers and cardiac rehab specialists, Duewy found the strength to move forward.

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Community Happenings

UofL Health Raises Donate Life Flag to Honor Organ Donors



In observation of National Donate Life Month, [UofL Health – Jewish Hospital](#) raised a flag to honor those who have given the gift of life and to encourage Kentuckians to register as organ, eye and tissue donors.

“Today we recognize the courage of our donors, the strength of our recipients and the dedication of our care teams who make these life-changing stories possible every day,” said Jewish Hospital CEO John Walsh. “Every transplant starts with a decision—to give, to share, to save a life. Today, we honor those who made the decision to give, those whose lives were saved through transplantation and the care teams who helped make it all possible.”

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