

# Organ Donation

*A Life-Saving Opportunity*



## HEART

Can save an individual affected by disease (ie. congenital heart defects, coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, various forms of cardiomyopathy)



## LUNGS

Can save two people affected by cystic fibrosis, COPD or emphysema



## LIVER

Replaces damaged liver caused by chronic hepatitis, liver tumors or cirrhosis



## PANCREAS

Often replaced with kidneys in diabetic patients or patients with pancreatic cancer



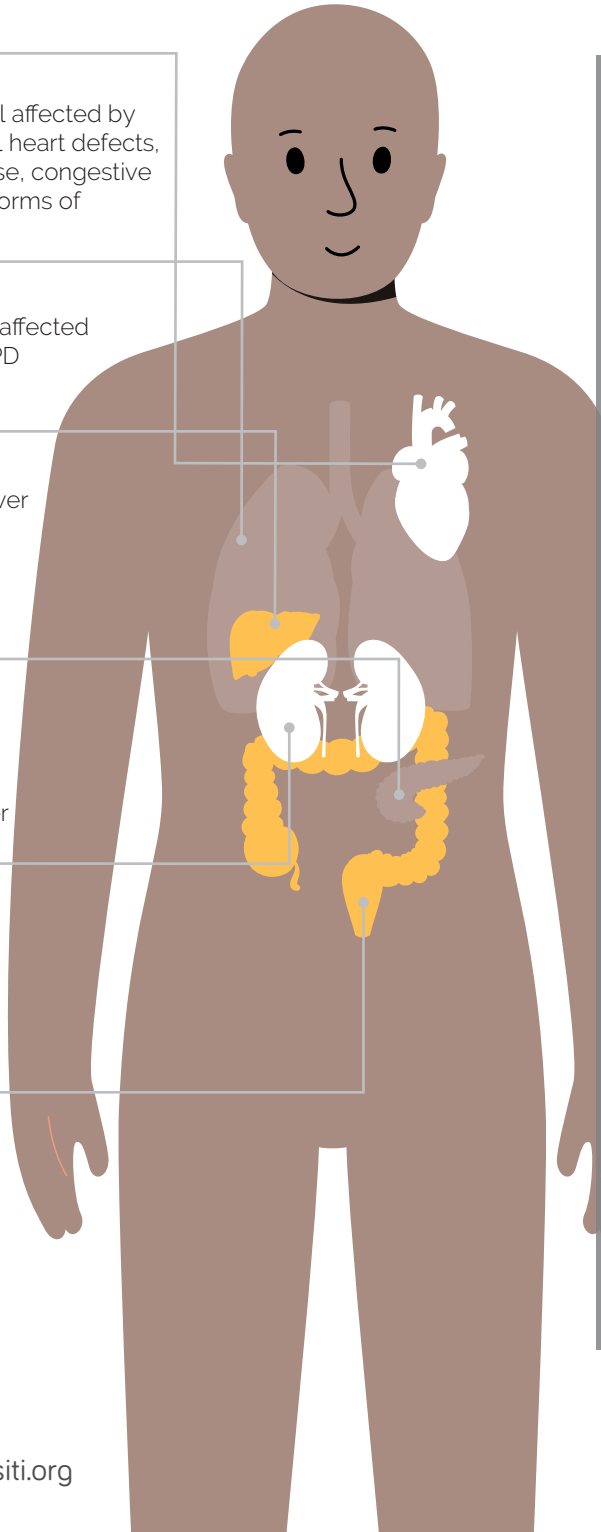
## KIDNEYS

Save two lives affected by diabetes, hypertension or polycystic kidney disease



## INTESTINES

Help those with small bowel syndrome or intestinal failure



## The Organ Donation Process

All lifesaving efforts have been made by the hospital medical team. A referral is called in to Versiti.

Registry designation is honored (first-person authorization).

Allocation of organs are determined.

Follow-up with hospital staff and the donor family occurs.

Versiti evaluates the potential donor to determine medical suitability for organ and tissue donation.

If the potential donor is not registered, the family can provide authorization.

Organ and tissue recovery takes place.

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# Understanding Organ Donation

During this difficult time, your loved one has the ability to save the lives of other patients.

Tens of thousands of individuals across the United States are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. Your loved one's gift will allow them to live on in others, giving someone the gift of life.

## Facts about organ donation

- Organ donation is only an option after all attempts to save your loved one have failed.
- Your loved one is treated with the utmost respect throughout the entire donation process.
- Organ recovery is performed in the operating room by transplant surgeons accompanied by an Organ Donation Specialist; your loved one is never alone.
- Donation will not alter your loved one's appearance. Your family may still choose to have an open-casket funeral.
- All costs related to organ donation are paid by Versiti. However, should you receive any hospital or doctor bills that you believe are related to the donation process, please contact us as soon as possible.
- Within seven weeks, you will receive a letter from Versiti's Aftercare Liaison that will explain which organs your loved one donated and will provide you with some information about the organ recipients. In addition to this letter, you will receive correspondence from our Aftercare program. These may include grief and loss resources, opportunities to request donation recognition items, and information about Versiti Organ and Tissue's programs.

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