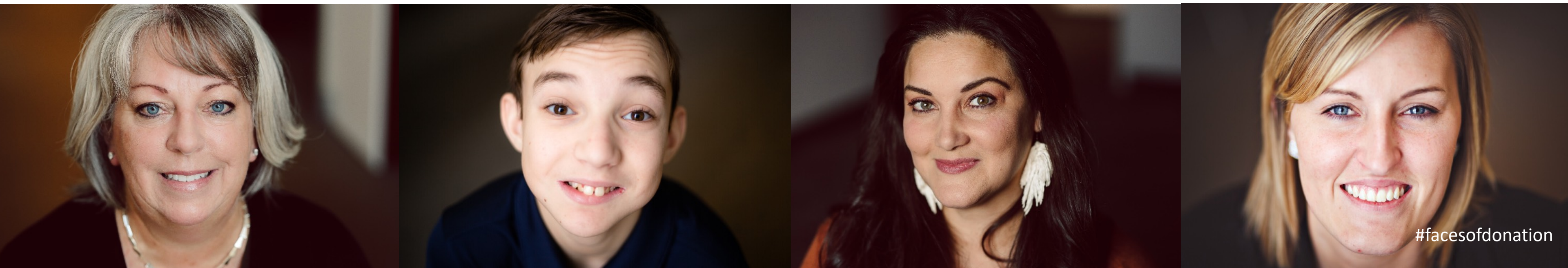




# Donation 101: It Starts with YOU





# Iowa Donor Network



**MISSION** *Working together to transform lives through organ and tissue donation.*

**VISION** *All are inspired to donate life.*

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- Not-for-profit Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) and Tissue Recovery Agency
- Regulated by CMS (organ donation) and FDA (tissue and cornea donation)
- Service 125 hospitals and three transplant centers in Iowa
- Offices in North Liberty and Altoona
- Communication Center, Tissue Recovery, Organ Coordinators, and Funeral Directors operate 24/7/365
- Dedicated tissue recovery suites with off-site recovery capabilities
- Primary call center for Iowa Lion's Eye Bank



IDN Staff  
Donate Life Month 2019

# Legislation

## **Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA) of 1968**

### **First Person Consent**

Legalized the transplantation of human organs and tissues.

Since 1972, all 50 states and the District of Columbia have adopted this act.

# Donor Designation

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Tori Sorensen  
Donor Mom

## When a person makes a donor designation:

- Legally binding; legal next-of-kin cannot change decision post-mortem
- If patient is not registered, legal next-of-kin can make the decision to donate.
- Legally and ethically, it is the responsibility of the hospital and the OPO to carry out the donor's decision.



# How Do I Register?



Fort Dodge DL Station  
Reeve's Family



Join the **1,653,930 lowans** who have already registered as an organ, tissue, and eye donor.

**I O W A**  
DONOR NETWORK  
Organ & Tissue Donation

About Events Get Involved Careers Contact

Register Stories Volunteer Resources

Register as an  
**Organ, Tissue and Eye Donor**

There are currently **702 lowans** waiting for an organ transplant.

Give the Gift of Life >

Working Together To Transform Lives Through  
**ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION**

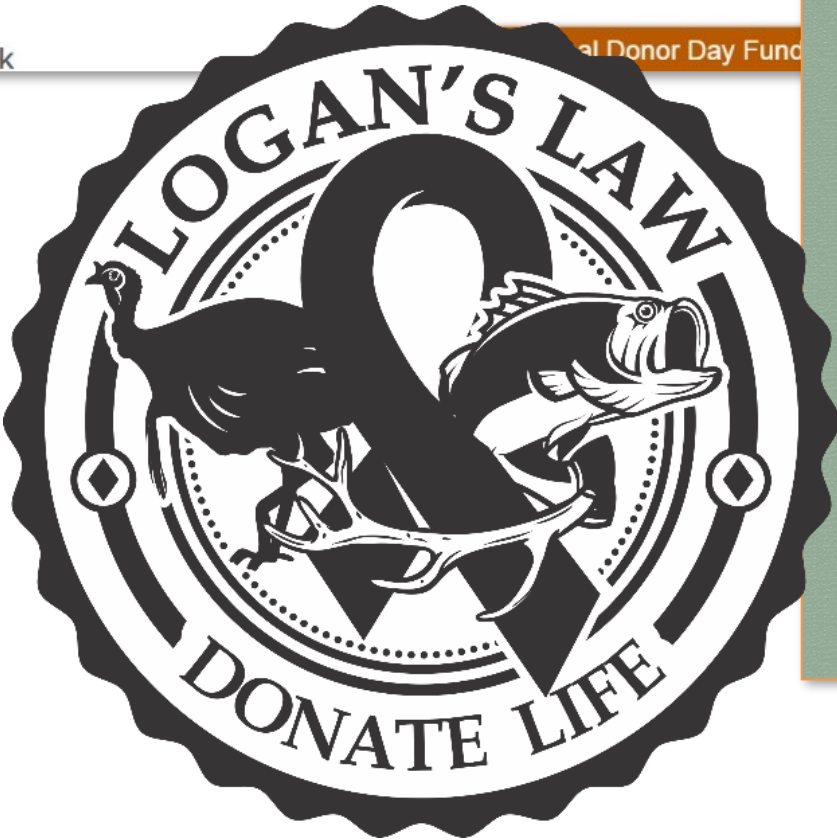
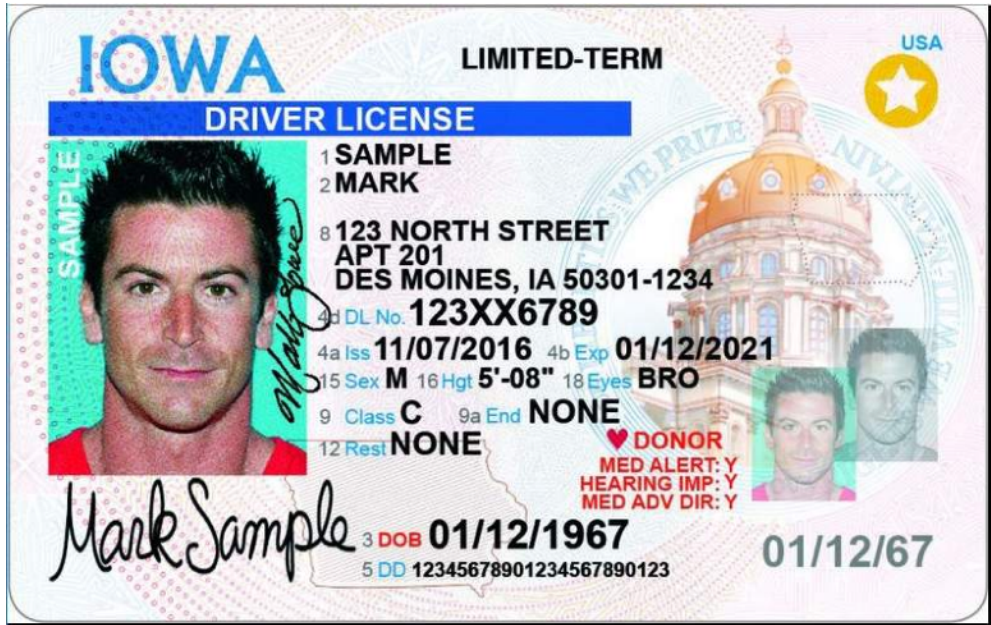
As Iowa's sole organ procurement organization, we facilitate both organ and tissue recovery and serve as the state's primary contact for organ, tissue and eye donation. [Learn More >](#)

Register as a Donor

Give Financially

Upcoming Events

**CONTRIBUTE** Putting your dollars to work



**I O W A**  
DONOR NETWORK

one  
donor can save the lives of  
eight  
and enhance the lives of  
hundreds.



# Regulatory Responsibility



## CMS (hospitals)

1. Refer all imminent deaths to the OPO (organ potential only)
2. Refer all ED and in-patient deaths to the OPO
3. All families of potential donors must be given the opportunity to donate.
4. The individual that offers the donation opportunity to the family must be a designated requestor who has completed training in how to approach families for donation.
5. Use discretion and sensitivity with respect to the circumstances, views, and beliefs of families.

## HIPAA

HIPAA allows all healthcare professionals to disclose protected patient information to an OPO for the purpose of facilitating... donation and transplantation.



Source: CMS 482.45 Condition of participation: Organ, tissue, and eye procurement

Source: 45 CFR 164.512 Uses and disclosure for which consent, an authorization, or opportunity to agree or object is not required

**Donation  
Requires  
Teamwork**

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Pella PD- Donate Life Month 2021



**Hospice**

**EMS/Fire**

**Iowa Donor Network**

**Hospital**

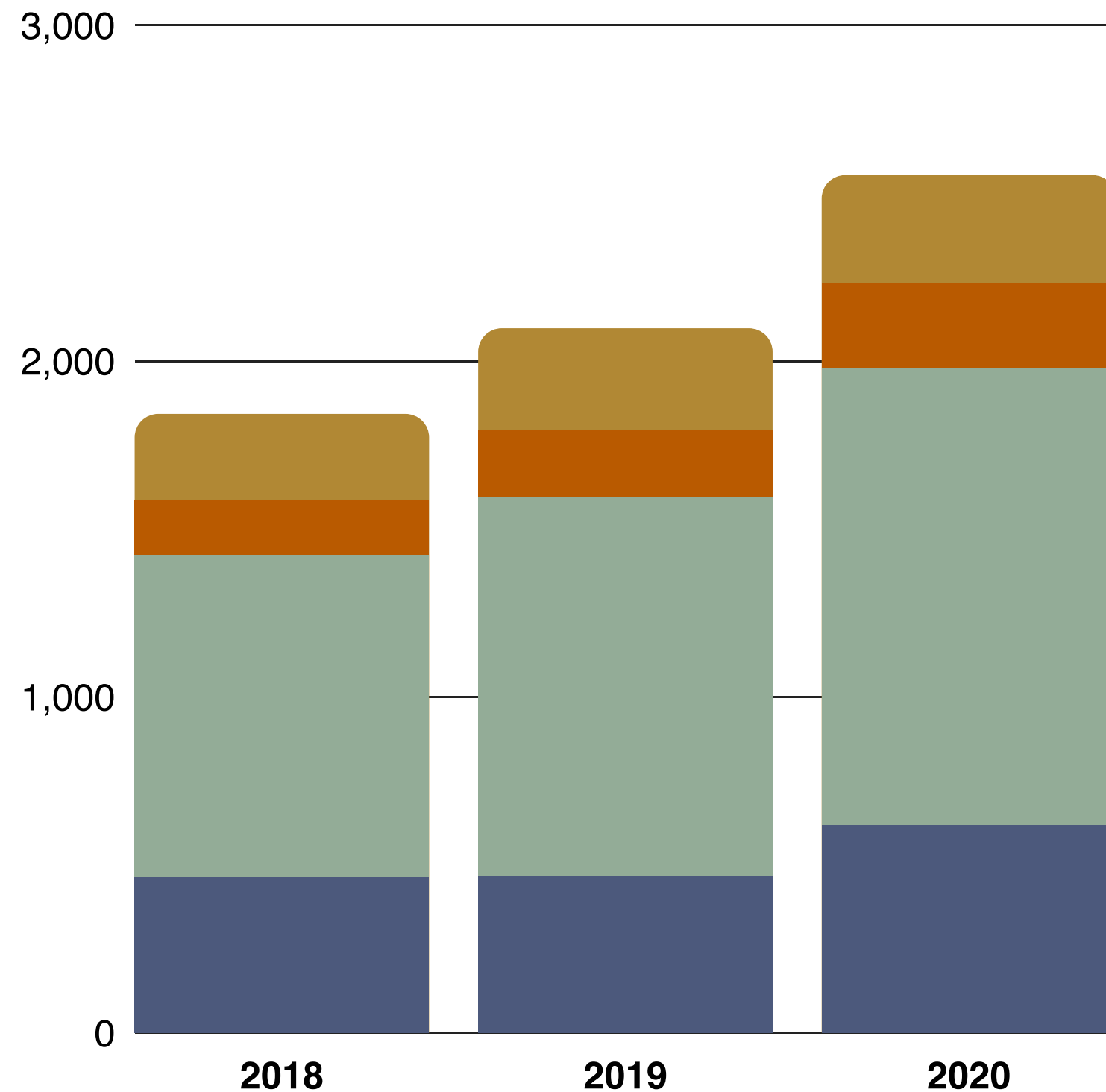
**Long-term Care**

**Medical  
Examiner**

**Funeral Directors**

**Law Enforcement**

# Scene Deaths Called to IDN



- All other out-of-hospital agencies
- EMS and Fire
- County medical examiners
- Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner

In 2021, non-hospital agencies referred over **1700** deaths to IDN, resulting in **165** tissue donors!



# Notify IDN



Jeanine Flies  
Donor Mom

## Two Notification Pathways

### Imminent Death

- Patient consult PRIOR to death
- Patient maintained on mechanical ventilator
- Patient meeting clinical triggers

- Potential for organ, tissue, and eye donation

### Scene, ED and In-patient Deaths

- Patient referred AFTER cardiac standstill
- Time of death has been pronounced

- Potential for tissue and eye donation

# Organ Transplant Waiting List

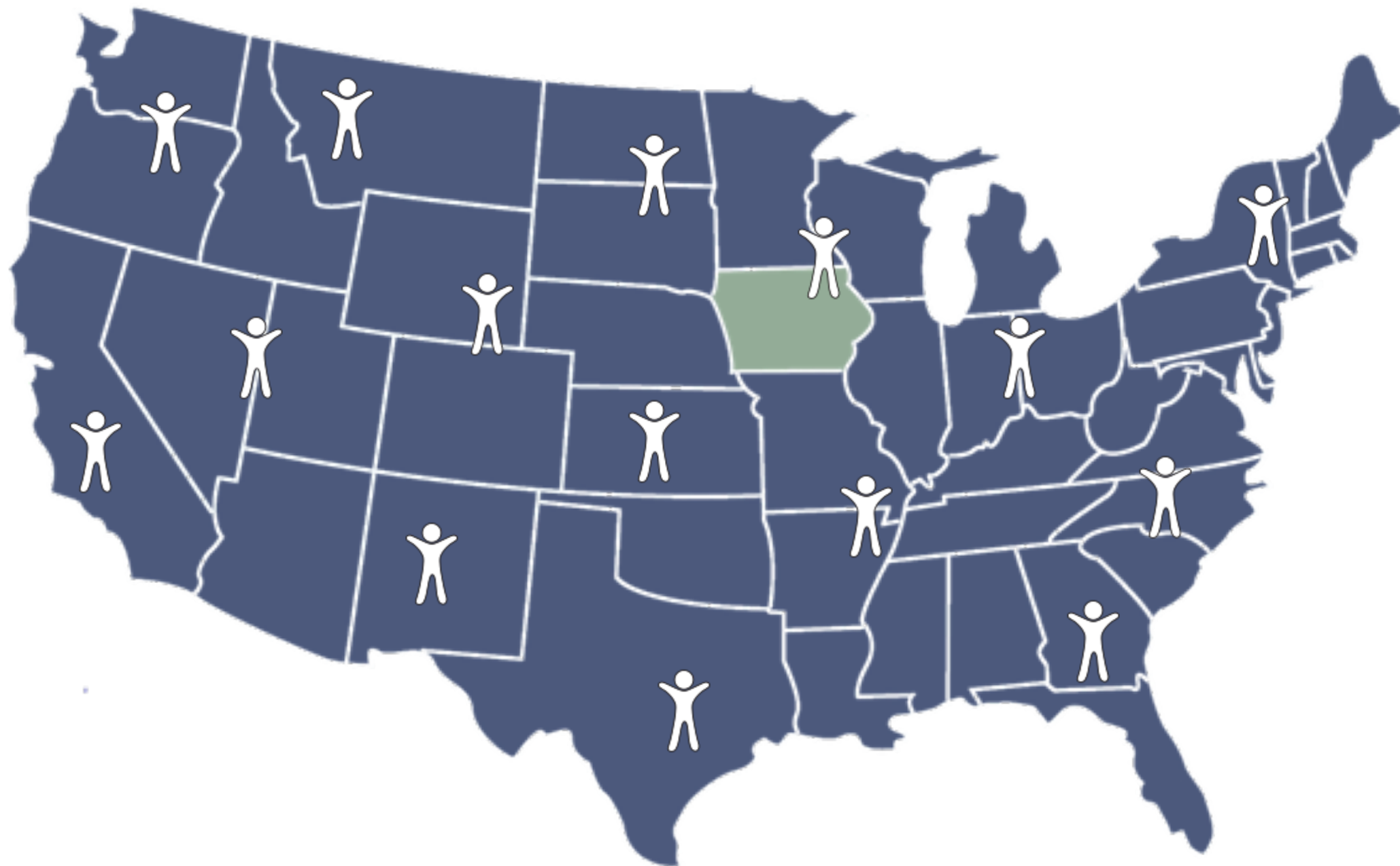
**2022**

**106,000+**

Men, women, and children are waiting for a life-saving transplant in the U.S.

**600+**

Iowans are waiting for a life-saving transplant







people die each day waiting for an organ transplant



minutes another name is added to the national organ transplant waiting list

## Transplants Each Year

ORGAN: 41,000+

*An average of 133 organ transplants happen each day in the U.S.*

EYE: 85,000+

TISSUE: 2,500,000+

[Organdonor.gov](https://organdonor.gov) (2022)

[DonateLife.net](https://donatelife.net) (2022)

[Optn.transplant.hrsa.gov](https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov) (2021)

[Restoresight.org](https://restoresight.org) (2021)

# Organ Donors in Iowa

In 20

ugh

**Only 3:1,000 have potential  
to be an organ donor**

**4<sup>th</sup> straight record year!**



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## Scene Death Notification

**Notify Iowa Donor Network anytime  
you have a scene death**

Regardless of:

- age
- medical history
- verbalized or documented donation decisions



Call Iowa Donor Network within **1 hour** of time of death or as soon as possible. Make the call away from family members.

**Ask for Referral ID and document in the patient's report.**



Jarrod Bumsted  
Kidney Recipient

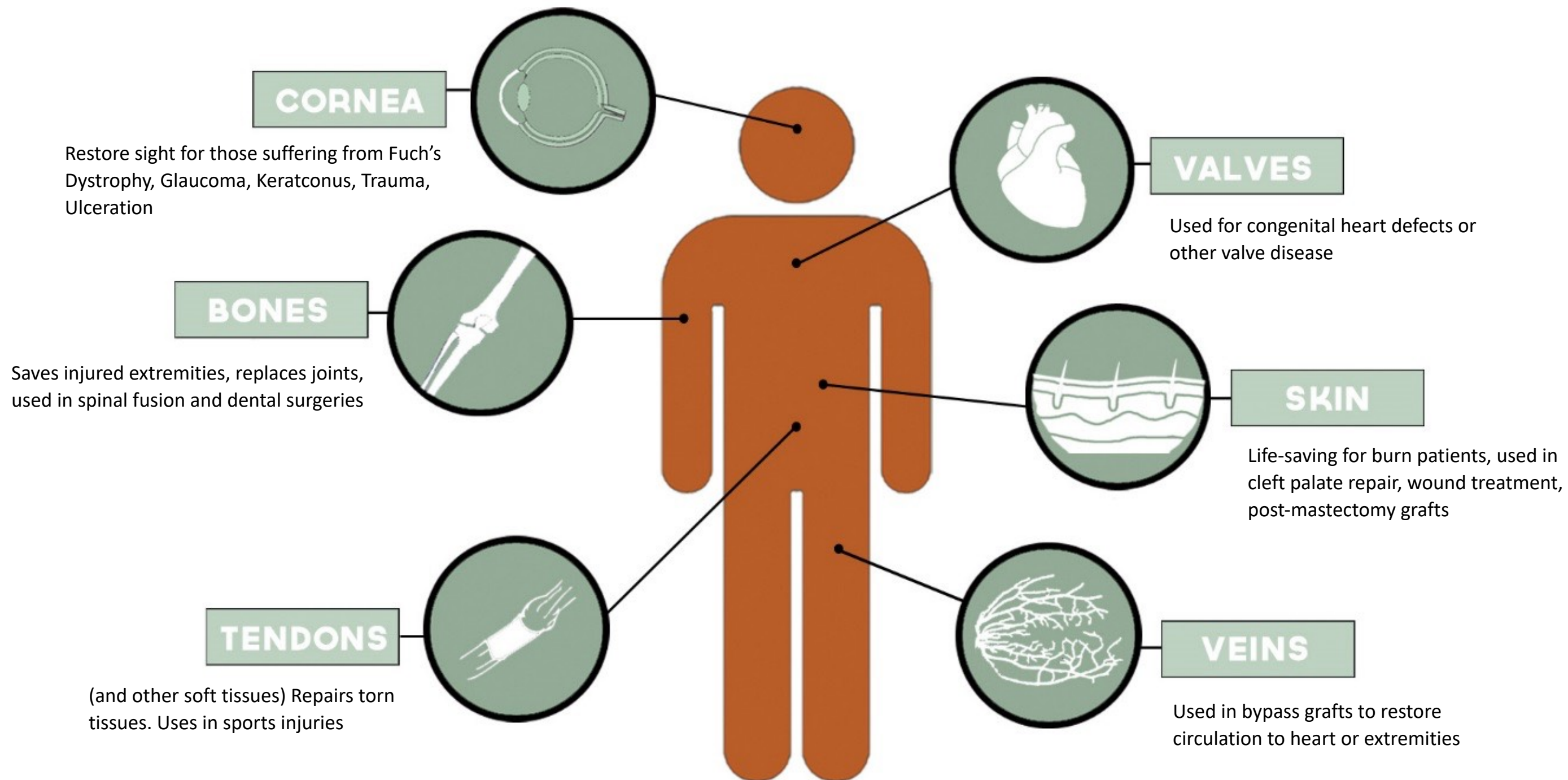


# Making the Call to Iowa Donor Network

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|---------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Agency Demographics             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agency name</li><li>• Phone number</li></ul>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Caller's name</li></ul>   |  |
| Patient Demographics            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient name</li><li>• DOB/age</li></ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gender and race</li><li>• Height and weight (estimated is OK)</li></ul> |  |
| Medical History and Information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cause of death</li><li>• TOD/LTKA</li></ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical history</li><li>• Medications</li></ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Body condition</li><li>• Interventions</li></ul> |
| Additional Information          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NOK information</li><li>• ME jurisdiction</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funeral home</li></ul>  |  |

800-831-4131

# Tissue and Cornea Donation



**Aortic Iliac** – helps trauma patients requiring vascular surgery or for bypass of diseased vessels in AAA surgeries

**Vertebral Bodies** – stem cells used to create immunotherapies for transplant recipients

**Adipose** – stem cells added to bone from same donor, used to treat fractures or trauma in places bone won't grow on its own

**Costal Cartilage** – helps patients who need facial reconstruction due to trauma or surgical procedures



# Tissue Donors in Iowa

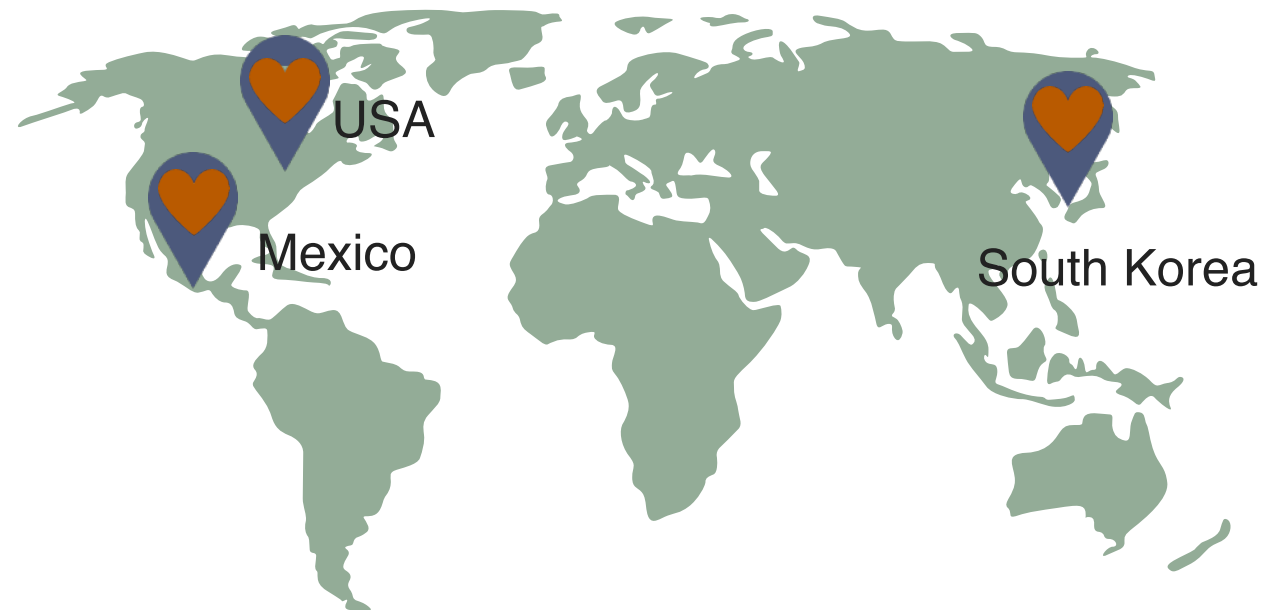


In 2021, **984** Iowans enhanced the lives of others through the gift of tissue donation.

One tissue donor can impact **50-300** different people.

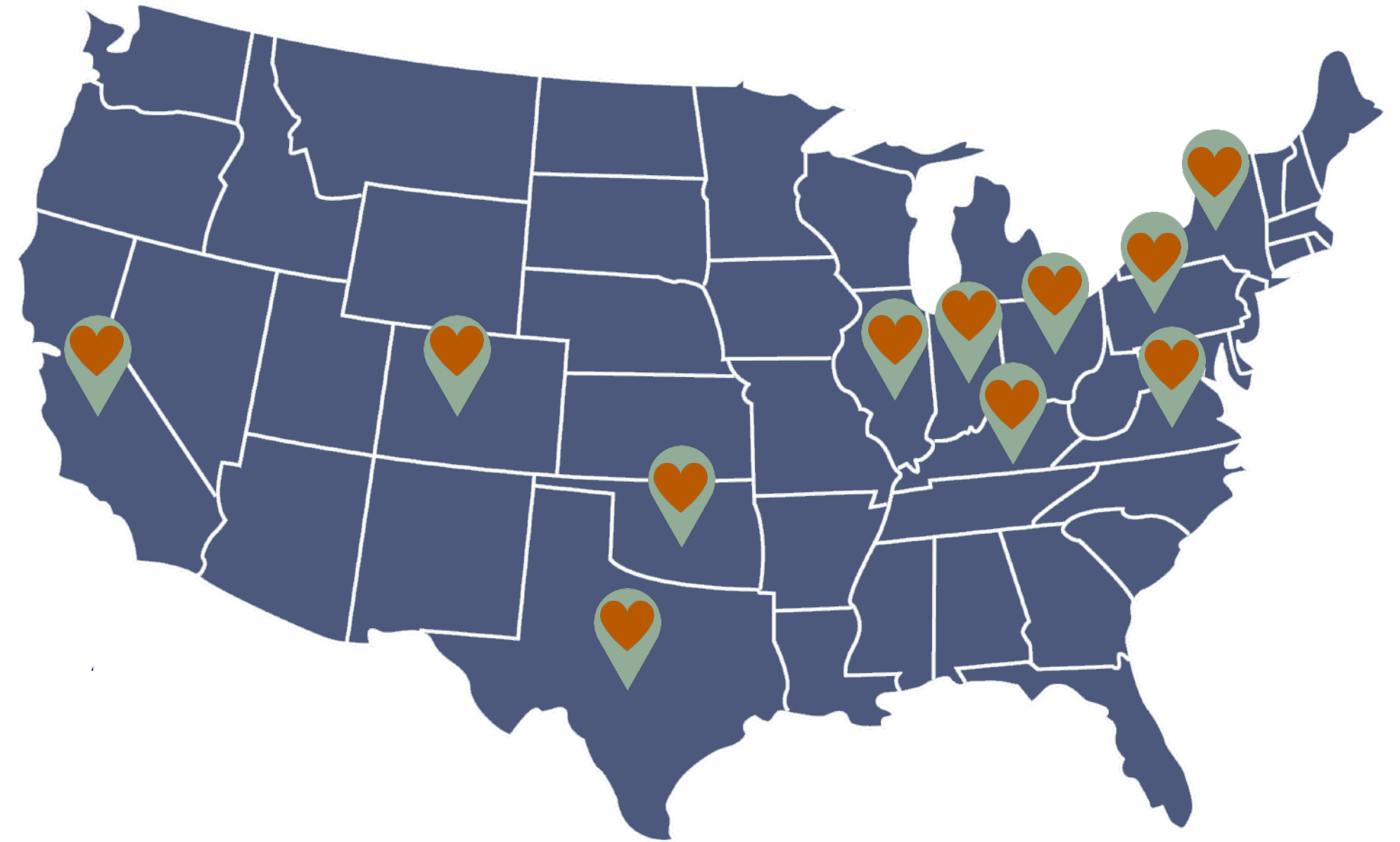


## EMILY'S IMPACT



226

lives have been impacted through Emily's gift of tissue donation. Countless more have been impacted through education and research.



37

Grafts from Emily's gift of bone & connective tissue has enhanced 37 lives.

189

Grafts from Emily's skin tissue has helped save lives for patients with burns.

6

Six grafts were gifted to research for education and medical advancements.



# Our Responsibility to Families

All families should be provided the opportunity for donation regardless of

**Age**

**Cause of Death**

**Medical Condition**

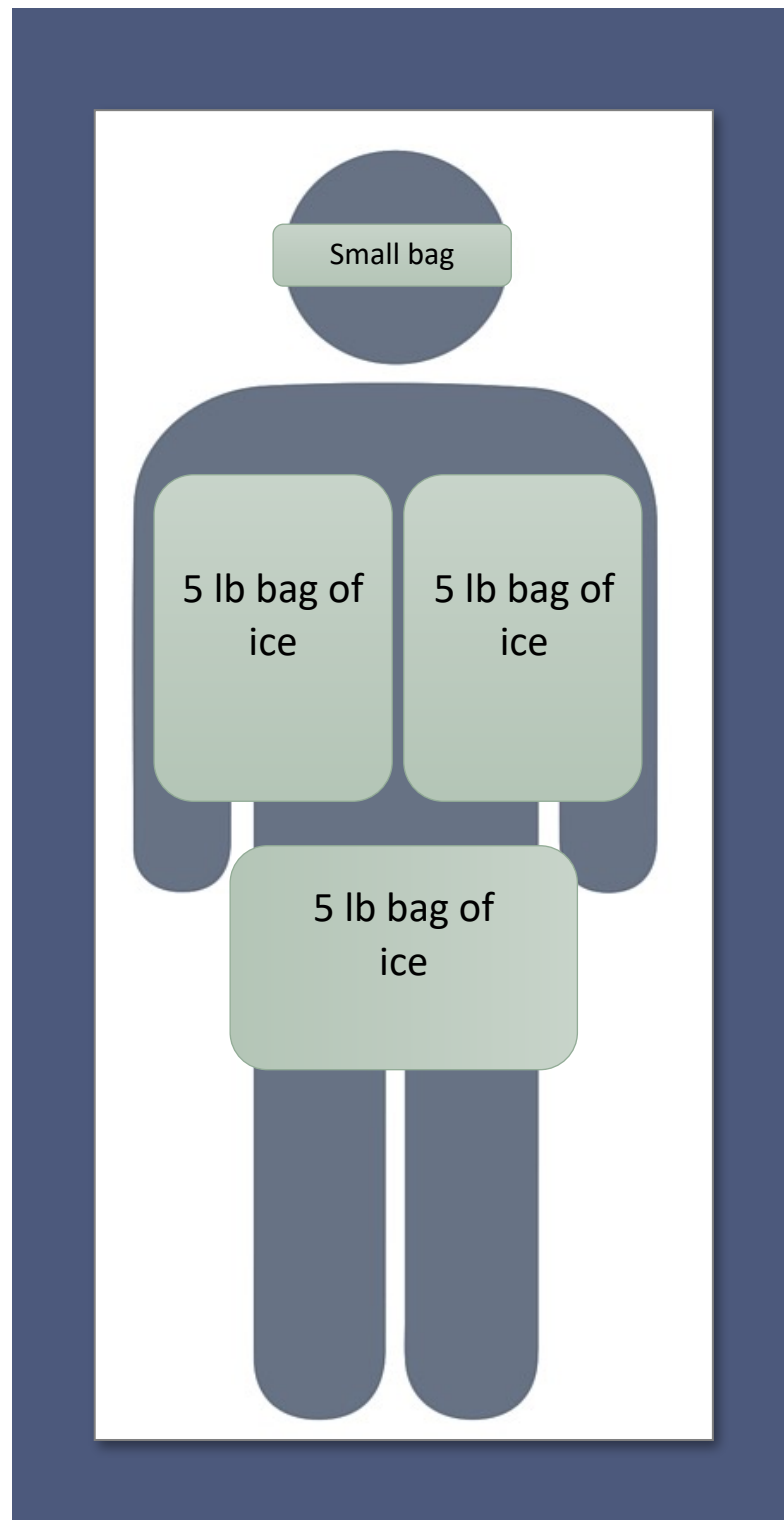
**Race**

**Self-Identified Groups**

**Religion**

*Approach every situation with the belief that donation is possible by following the hospital's donation policy and ensuring each family is provided care, discretion, and sensitivity.*

# Cooling the Body



- Cooled morgue
- No cooler?
  - Place ice (double-bag) on body
  - Replace ice as necessary
  - Use small baggie or non-sterile glove for ice pack to eyes
- Document time cooling started in the patient's chart

**Start cooling within 4 – 12  
hours of time of death.**

# Funeral Home



- Call IDN **before** releasing body to funeral home
- Share funeral home name with IDN as soon as information is available
- IDN will collaborate directly with funeral home to ensure continuity of care for patient and family



Susan Van Gorkom  
Lung Recipient



## Donation Fact

An open casket viewing is possible with any form of donation.



# Designated Requestor



Luke VanWyngarden  
Kidney Recipient

If family asks about donation...

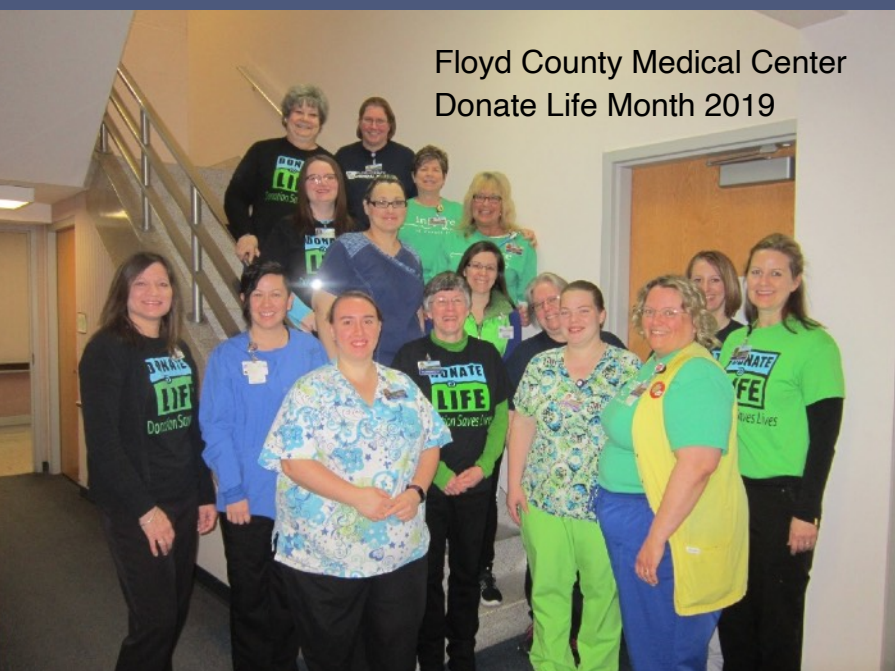
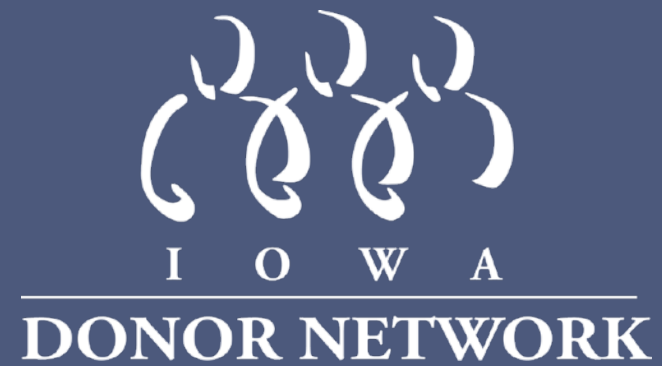
“I am not an expert in donation, but I will contact Iowa Donor Network right now to ensure they can answer your questions.”



## Donation Fact

There is no cost for donation for the donor or his/her family.

# Designated Requestor



Floyd County Medical Center  
Donate Life Month 2019

## Donation Conversation Goals

### IDN provides information directly to the family

- First Person Authorization shared (if applicable)
- Tissue and eye donation opportunities shared
- Donation process and timeline shared

**GOAL:** family makes the best donation decision for them

*Donation is a conversation.  
It's not just a quick question and never merely a mention.*

# Medical Examiner



John Burge  
Kidney Recipient

The patient's death may fall under ME jurisdiction if the death is in the "public interest" – any form of injury or sudden, unexpected, or unexplained death.

Autopsy and/or ME jurisdiction do not automatically preclude the ability to donate.

**>98%**

**ME release rate for tissue donation and for organ donation in 2021**

Source: Pinckard et al. (2014). National Association of Medical Examiners Position Paper: Medical Examiner Release of Organs and Tissues for Transplantation  
Iowa Donor Network. 2019. 2020.



# COVID-19 and Donation

## Does COVID-19 affect donation potential?

### Organ Donation

No. To date, over 700+ transplants have taken place from COVID-19+ donors at time of death.

### Tissue Donation

Evaluated case by case.

**Always notify IDN of an imminent or cardiac death,  
even if the patient is COVID-19 positive or displays symptoms of COVID-19.**

# Donor Family Care: Organ and/or Tissue Donors



Donor Medallion



Donate Life Bracelets



Grief Resources and Materials



Donor Family Quilt



# Donor Family Care: Ongoing Support



Donor Family & Recipient  
Correspondence



Donor Family Events

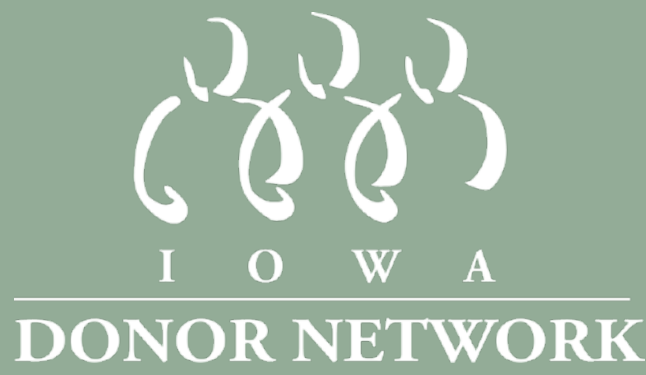


Donor Memorial Garden



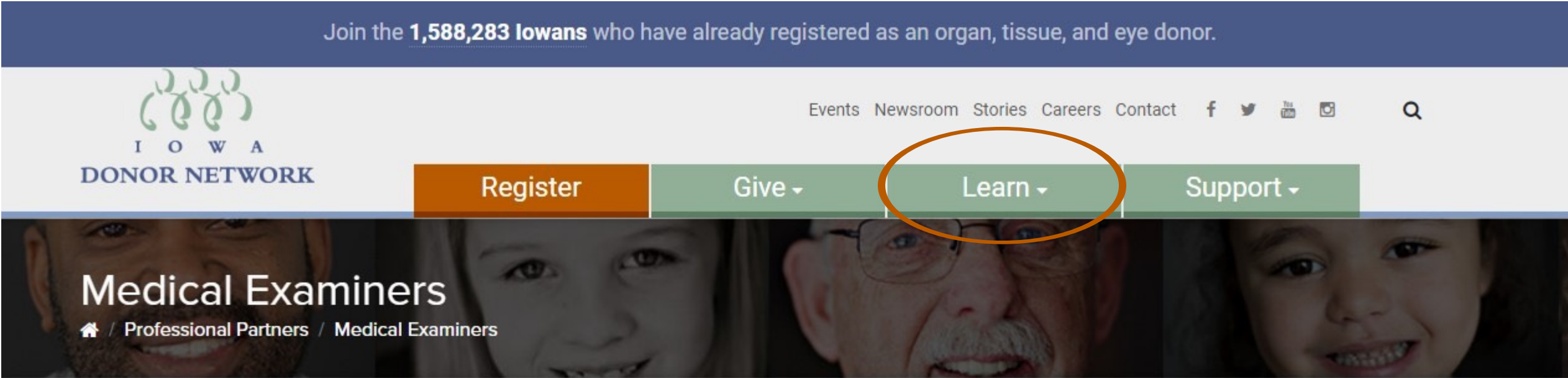


# Online Resources



Mary Perry  
Donor Grandma

# IowaDonorNetwork.org



*Please note that this information is intended for medical examiners and investigators. If your reached this page by mistake, please return to our [homepage](#).*

## The Role of MEs and MEIs in Donation

Medical examiners and investigators play a crucial role in the donation process. It is estimated that as many as 70% of potential donors, fall under medical examiner jurisdiction. As a medical examiner or investigator, you can have a direct impact on donation by referring all deaths that occur outside of a hospital to Iowa Donor Network. In doing so, you ensure that all lowans are given the opportunity to leave a living legacy through tissue and eye donation.

Iowa Donor Network is committed to collaborating with you to ensure that all requirements for a medicolegal investigation are met while honoring the donation decisions of individuals and their families. Iowa Donor Network will work directly with your agency to develop procedures to ensure that your needs are met while still preserving the opportunity for donation. Please review the resources and references in this section and contact a member of our [Professional Outreach team](#) for further information or education.

# Take ACTION

1. Notify IDN of every cardiac death within 1 hour or as soon as scene allows
2. Obtain NOK cell phone number to ensure IDN can offer opportunity for donation
3. Share your own decision with your family



## Donation Fact

Anyone of any age can be an organ, tissue, and eye donor.





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Green 5K 2019  
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