



Donors are heroes who in their last hour give a lifetime to others

<p>As of Oct. 4, 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 112,178 candidates are registered on the national organ waiting list 1,757 are children under 18 (89 are under the age of one) Nearly 20% – one in 5 people on the national list - are Californians (80% need a kidney) Locally 1,655 people here need an organ transplant to survive <table border="1" data-bbox="483 485 1474 636"> <thead> <tr> <th>% locally</th> <th>White</th> <th>Black</th> <th>Hispanic</th> <th>Asian</th> <th>Amer Indian</th> <th>Pacific Islander</th> <th>Multiracial</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Waiting</td> <td>36</td> <td>11</td> <td>40</td> <td>11</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consent Rate 2010</td> <td>92</td> <td>75</td> <td>71</td> <td>50</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>During 2010, Lifesharing saved 343 lives through organ transplantation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 30,000 people will be helped by Lifesharing tissue donors last year 58 people died waiting here in 2010; 95 in '09; 88 in '08; 93 in '07; 101 in '06; 130 in '05 	% locally	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Amer Indian	Pacific Islander	Multiracial	Waiting	36	11	40	11	0	1	1	Consent Rate 2010	92	75	71	50	-	-	-
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<p>Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every 10 minutes a new name is added to the national list Today 75 transplant surgeries will be performed giving people a second chance at life An increasing number of living donors are helping save lives Despite the progress, tragically 18 people still will die waiting today in the United States One organ donor can save the lives of up to 8 people; a tissue donor can help heal the lives of 50 people with gifts that include skin for burn survivors; corneas that give sight to two people; as well as bone, heart valves; veins; ligaments and nerves. Factors determining who receives the next available organ are determined by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and include severity of illness, time on the waiting list, blood type, organ size, and proximity to donor. 																								
<p>Official ways to sign up to be a donor in California</p> <p>Visit www.donatelife.net to learn about donation in other states</p>	<p>There are two ways to sign up to be an organ and tissue donor in California, which helps ensure your wishes are followed and greatly eases the decision for your family:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At the DMV when you apply for a driver license or identification card. (Checking 'Yes' will add you to the donor registry & print a pink donor dot under the plastic on your license) Online at www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org. (These secure sites are reviewed only by transplant personnel & easily let you make changes.) 																								
<p>Current # of Registered California Donors</p>	<p><i>As of Thurs., Oct. 04, 2011 at 11:40 AM</i></p> <p>8,700,300 heroes have signed up on the Donate Life California Registry to save lives.</p> <p><i>The CA Donor Registry is the largest in the US; CA also has the greatest number waiting.</i></p>																								
<p>Your email has the Power to Save Lives</p>	<p>To learn how your business or organization can hold a free, simple & effective eCampaign, please visit www.donatelIFEsandiego.org or call 619-521-1983. Donate Life San Diego coordinates community outreach efforts in this region to increase life-saving donor awareness.</p>																								
<p>About Lifesharing</p>	<p>Lifesharing, a division of UC San Diego Medical Center, is the non-profit, federally-designated organ and tissue recovery organization serving San Diego & Imperial Counties.</p>																								
<p>For more info or to schedule a speaker</p>	<p>Visit www.lifesharing.org; email info@lifesharing.org; or call 619-521-1983.</p> <p>To volunteer, please sign up at www.lifesharing.org/volunteers. Thank you!</p>																								