

You have the power to donate Life.

THE NEED IS CRITICAL

Over 90,000 Americans, including about 4,000 in the Carolinas, are awaiting a life-saving organ transplant. Thousands of others are in need of donated tissue. Unfortunately, on the day you read this card, 17 people will die as a result of the shortage of donors. Simply stated, the demand far exceeds the supply.

Even with a signed donor card or a heart on your driver's license, your family will be consulted before donation can take place. Tell your family your wishes and ask theirs as well. That way, you'll both know and there will be no question later.



*Be an organ
and tissue donor.*

Sign the card below in your family's presence and carry it in your wallet.

MY COMMITMENT TO DONATE LIFE UNIFORM DONOR CARD

I, _____, have spoken to my family about organ and tissue donation. I wish to donate:

any needed organs and tissue only the following organs and tissue:

The following people have witnessed my commitment to be a donor.

Donor signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

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Questions and Answers

Will my decision to become a donor affect the quality of my medical care?

No. When you are admitted to a hospital, the number one priority is to save your life. Organ donation can only be considered if you die and after your family has been consulted. By law, the doctor that declares a patient dead cannot be a member of the transplant team.

Can I have an open casket funeral if I'm a donor?

Yes. Donation neither disfigures the body nor rules out an open casket viewing.

Are there any costs to my family for donation?

No. Donation costs nothing to the donor's family or estate.

Is it true that all major religions in the United States support donation?

Yes. Donation is considered a final act of compassion, the opportunity to share our greatest blessing—the gift of life!

Is it true that people with wealth or status get priority on the waiting list?

No. Factors such as race, age, income and celebrity status are not considered when determining who receives a transplant. The buying and selling of organs and tissues is illegal in the United States.



LifeShare
Of The Carolinas

We are the regional donor recovery agency that serves as the link between patients awaiting transplants and the donors who make those transplants possible.

For more information, visit our web site at www.lifesharecarolinas.org or call the office nearest you at (704) 512-3303 or (828) 258-9703.