



*Saving Lives through Organ & Tissue Donation*

The Living Legacy Foundation at LifeCenter Northwest, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, was established by LifeCenter Northwest our region's organ and tissue program.

The foundation is responsible for educating the community about the life saving importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation, so the public can make an informed decision about their donation wishes. Our goal is to dispel the myths that surround donation in our community so that we can increase the number of registered donors.

We understand the silver lining donation can be for donor families who have lost a loved one. By sharing their stories we hope to save more lives through transplantation across Washington, Montana, Alaska, and North Idaho.

<b>Mission</b>	Our mission is to increase organ, eye, and tissue donation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing enrollment in the donor registry</li> <li>• Eliminating barriers to donation</li> <li>• Raising money to fund awareness and educational programs</li> </ul>
<b>Established</b>	Chartered: December, 2002. Formally established: September, 2004.
<b>Employees</b>	9
<b>Service Area</b>	7.7 million people throughout Washington, Montana, Alaska and North Idaho.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.donatelifetoday.com">www.donatelifetoday.com</a>

**How to become a registered donor in Washington and Montana**

- Register online at [www.donatelifetoday.com](http://www.donatelifetoday.com)
- Call toll-free at 1-877-275-5269 and request a brochure to fill out and return.
- Say YES to organ, eye, and tissue donation when you renew your driver's license. Residents who already have a heart on their driver's license are automatically added to the donor registry.

**How to become a registered donor in Alaska**

- Register online at [www.alaskadonorregistry.org](http://www.alaskadonorregistry.org)
- Call toll-free at 1-800-719-5443 and request a brochure to fill out and return.
- Say YES to organ, eye, and tissue donation when you renew your driver's license. Residents who already have a heart on their driver's license are automatically added to the Alaska Donor Registry.

**How to become a registered donor in Idaho**

- Register online at [www.yesidaho.org](http://www.yesidaho.org)
- Call the Idaho Donor Registry toll-free at 1-866-937-4324
- Say YES to organ, eye, and tissue donation when you renew your driver's license. Residents who already have the word DONOR on their driver's license are automatically added to the Idaho Donor Registry.

## **The Living Legacy Foundation**

Through financial contributions, the Living Legacy Foundation continues efforts to develop and implement educational programs and community services focused on increasing donation throughout Washington, Montana, Alaska and North Idaho. These ongoing programs and services ensure everyone is given the opportunity to make their own informed and personal decision to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor.

The Living Legacy Foundation was established by LifeCenter Northwest, this region's organ and tissue program, to generate funding to support organ, eye, and tissue donation education, thereby increasing public commitment to donation. The foundation does this through the following programs.

### **Our Programs**

#### Donate Life Today Registry

Washington, Montana, Alaska and North Idaho have all given their citizens the legal right to make their own decision to be an organ, eye, and/or tissue donor. In WA and MT, the information is stored in the Donate Life Today Registry, a confidential database of donation wishes that can be accessed only by donation agency personnel, to be carried out at the time of death without needing further consent by family members. In Idaho, the information is stored in the Yes Idaho Registry. In Alaska, the information is stored in the Alaska Donor Registry.

The driver licensing organizations in all four states will continue to ask citizens about their donation wishes when they apply for or renew their driver licenses. This information is added to the Donate Life Today Registry on a daily basis. In Idaho, the information is uploaded into the Yes Idaho Registry. In Alaska, the information is uploaded into the Alaska Donor Registry.

#### Youth Education Program

By targeting junior high and high school students, the foundation's Youth Education Program introduces students to the importance of organ and tissue donation and provides them with the facts needed to make an informed decision. Timing for this program is aimed at reaching students prior to their first driver's license, so they know how to answer when they are asked "Do you want to designate organ donor on your license?"

#### Workplace Partnership Program

In conjunction with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Workplace Partnership Program encourages our community's businesses to provide information about organ donation to their employees. Workplace Partnership interactions are tailored to meet each partner's unique needs.

#### Community Advocacy

Our Community Advocacy program provides volunteer opportunities to donors, donor family members, recipients, and interested community members. Community Advocates make a difference in our community by staffing informational displays at health fairs and community festivals, speaking to civic and faith organizations, telling their stories to members of the media, and supporting other organ donation awareness activities.

### Events

We bring the community together to celebrate and create awareness of organ, eye, and tissue donation. One of our favorite major events is our Annual Giving Luncheon which takes place during Donate Life Month each spring.

### Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency Programs

The Living Legacy Foundation works in conjunction with driver's licensing organizations to ensure that every citizen is provided information in order to make an educated decision on organ, eye, and tissue donation. Through outreach to government agencies and individual driver's licensing offices, the Living Legacy Foundation strives to educate the staff so they will promote donation in their daily interactions with their customers.

### Media

Through editorial media opportunities and partnerships with paid media outlets the Living Legacy Foundation promotes the donor registry. We use each media interaction as an opportunity to ask every individual to say 'yes' to organ, eye, and tissue donation by registering their decision online or by putting the heart on their driver's license.