



Give Thanks. *Give Life.*

Saving lives during the season of giving.

Give Thanks. Give Life season is a special time for leaders of congregations across the nation to celebrate the greatest blessing of all: the gift of life. This is an opportunity for members of all faiths to reflect on the spirit of love and generosity as it relates to the **critical need for organ, eye and tissue donors**.

In your spiritual or religious community, you are in a position to make a significant difference! **Please join leaders in the region any weekend in November or December as they participate in this observance to save lives.**

Currently more than **1,500** of our Northwest neighbors and nearly **100,000** men, women and children nation wide are in need of life-saving transplants. Registering as a donor is a chance to make a positive, valuable contribution. Many charitable acts involve donations of money or great amounts of effort. Organ, eye and tissue donation is an expression of our highest humanitarian ideals, a decision that takes only love.

Living Legacy needs your help to make certain your congregation is aware that donation is supported by your spiritual beliefs and we each have the power to save lives by documenting our wishes on the **Donor Registry**.

Participation may be customized for your congregation and options include dedicating a short segment of your worship service to a heart-warming in-person story of an individual touched by donation, a 3-minute video, sacred text reference, bulletin insert, a newsletter article or dissemination of registry brochures.

If you are interested in scheduling a date to share a life saving message of hope with your congregation, please contact **Nicki Carrillo at 425-201-6611 or NICKIC@LCNW.ORG.**

Resources Available

- Short Videos (English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese Subtitles)
- Sacred Text References
- Sample Bulletin Announcements
- Newsletter Articles
- Registry Brochures (English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese)
- Speakers (may include transplant recipients, living organ donors and organ donor family members)

Additional Ideas for Participation

- Lead prayer to remember those families who suffered loss through death yet donated organs and tissues. Include the men, women and children who desperately wait for organs and tissues to save or improve their lives.
- Hold a registry drive to encourage your congregation to learn more about their choice to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor.
- Host a health educational program or workshop at your place of worship – invite the community.
- Host sessions for ministries using a video to create dialogue and educate.
- Partner with the Living Legacy year round by serving as a center for accurate information about organ, eye and tissue donation.

Facts to Consider

- Organ donation is considered an **expression of the believer's altruism** and the majority of faiths encourage the virtuous qualities which are supportive of organ donation such as: generosity, duty, charity and cooperation.
- More than **1,500** of our Northwest neighbors - and nearly **100,000** men, women and children nation wide are currently in need of life-saving organ transplants.
- **Ethnic minorities** make up **30%** of the U.S. population, but comprise **53%** of the **national waiting list**.
- An average of **18 people** die each day from the lack of available organs for transplant.
- The number of **individuals in need of an organ transplant continues to grow** but the number of people who register to be a donor is not keeping pace.
- Every **13 minutes** another person is added to the national organ transplant waiting list.
- **Anyone can be a potential donor** regardless of age, race, or medical history.
- More than **1 million tissue** transplants are done each year and the surgical need for tissue has been steadily rising.
- More than **46,000 cornea** transplants are performed every year, returning the gift of sight to those who have lost their vision.
- Each one of us has the potential to **save or enhance the lives of over fifty people** by registering our wish to be a donor at **www.DonateLifeToday.com**.

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To reserve a date for your presentation contact:

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