



A Donate Life Organization

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Unprecedented year for organ donation in Arizona

Donor Network of Arizona has the most number of donors ever in one year

PHOENIX - Donor Network of Arizona (DNA), the only nonprofit, organ procurement organization federally designated to serve our state, had an unprecedented number of donors in 2016. A total of 225 heroes gave the gift of life to 614 people. In 2015, Arizona had 165 donors.

In addition to the number of lives saved, 966 tissue donors provided skin, ligaments and tendons, donations that will aid burn patients and restore mobility to injury victims. 1,258 cornea donors restored sight to many Arizonans. 227 heart valve donations made by these heroes will primarily benefit pediatric patients with congenital heart conditions.

A record number of Arizonans registered in our state to donate life. Almost 300,000 Arizonans signed up, pushing the total number of registered donors to nearly three million.

“Saving these many lives and healing countless more would have not been possible without the dedication of donation champions who work tirelessly to save lives, including hospital partners and the MVD,” says Sara Pace Jones, vice president of Development and Referral Services at DNA.

While this is fantastic news, the national organ waiting list continues to grow. Nationally, more than 119,000 patients are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, and more than 2,300 of them live in Arizona.

Arizonans can sign up as donors when they apply for or renew their driver’s license or ID at the MVD. They can also register online at DonateLifeAZ.org or by calling 1-800-94-DONOR.

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