

## Our State of Donation

In Nebraska, we work hard, bleed red and show up for our friends and neighbors in need. It's the Nebraska way — the good life. Today, hundreds in our state and more than 100,000 across the U.S. are in need of a lifesaving transplant. We *all* can help.

### The waiting list

Organ	National	Nebraska
Kidney	94,650	230
Liver	12,700	120
Heart	3,650	50
Kidney/Pancreas	1,700	2
Lung	1,270	1
Pancreas	850	10
Intestine	225	15

Every **10** minutes

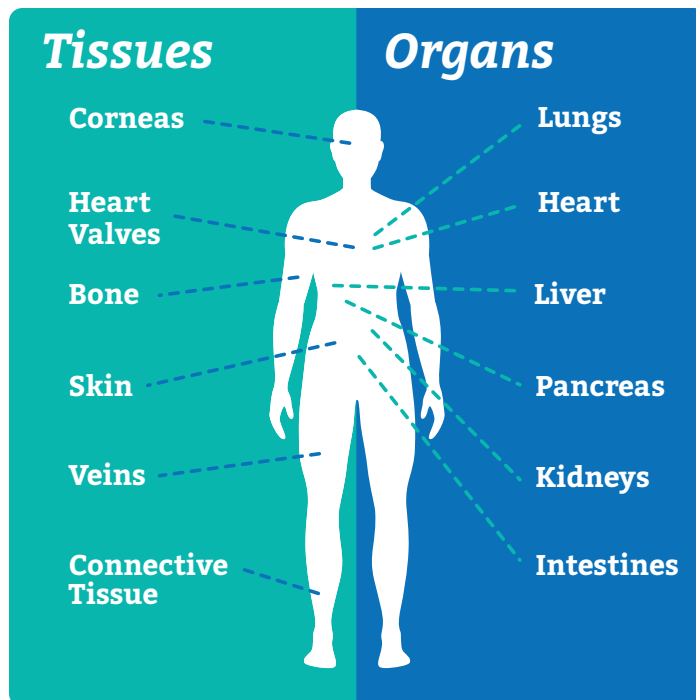
another name is added to the waiting list

Each day **20** people die

waiting for an organ transplant

### Gifts given & received

2018 statistics	Organ transplants	Deceased organ donors	Living organ donors	Deceased tissue donors	Birth tissue donors
Nebraska	301	68	40	191	201
United States	36,527	10,700	6,800	~39,000	N/A



**1 donor = 100 lives healed**

By donating organs and tissues, one person has the ability to save eight lives and provide a better quality of life for 100 additional people.

In Nebraska, **anyone age 16 or over can register** as an organ, tissue and eye donor regardless of age or health.

**\*98%** of Nebraskans support organ and tissue donation, but only **58%** of eligible Nebraskans are registered as donors.

### Working together to save lives



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### Stories of hope



#### Donor hero: Colton Jensen

Colton was a hero in life and death. The 18-year-old lived life full out — riding bulls and serving as a firefighter in his community of Hoskins. Today, five organ recipients and dozens of tissue recipients represent the legacy of Colton's decision to register as an organ, tissue and eye donor.

*"He had a heart of gold, and we just want to see it carried on."*

- Colton's mom, Emily Jensen

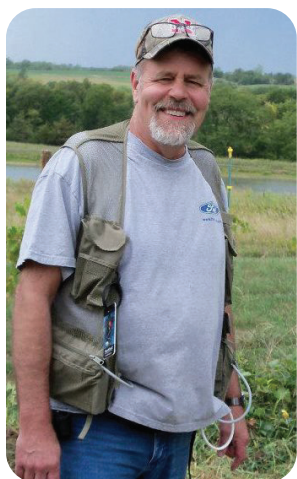


#### Waiting for a transplant: Summer Simon

Summer has faced health problems since her days in high school — rheumatoid arthritis, cancer, meningitis, seizures and heart and lung damage from radiation. Now, Summer waits for a heart transplant and quite simply, a better quality of life. She waits for the day to walk up and down the stairs at home with ease, to do laundry and to function normally. Her aunt also is in need of a double-lung transplant.

*"It's hard to watch their deterioration. Registering as a donor is so important for me when it hits this close to home."*

- Summer's mom, Darla Belitz



#### Heart recipient: John Rod

In 2016, John was given a second chance at life. Grateful for the opportunity to meet his great-niece, travel to see his family in Michigan and keep fishing, John is giving back. He's spent time educating first responders about treating patients with an LVAD and started a support group for patients and families facing heart disease and its treatment.

*"You can't express your condolences enough, and I realize how big of a decision that was for their family. They saved my life."*

- John