

DonorConnect's Role is to help individuals and families feel informed and confident as they consider donation. We do that through community engagement and by providing clear, accurate, and motivating education—so more people can understand the donation process and, when appropriate, feel comfortable supporting it.

Our Hope is that, with the right education and context, more people become engaged and supportive of the donation system.

When education and outreach strengthens understanding and support for donation, that commitment is typically documented and communicated in one of two ways:

Registering a decision: A documented, first-person decision made in advance—the clearest way to ensure that decision is known.

Talking with family: Some people choose to share their wishes and values with their family but prefer their family make the final decision at the time.



Sebastian Osman
Donor Hero

Sebastian, 16, suffered a traumatic head injury that led to his death. At the time, his mother, Gerri, wasn't supportive

of organ donation. But Sebastian had already talked with her about how he wanted to help others through organ donation.

"I never anticipated gaining anything from saying yes that day. That's not why I did it. I did it because of Sebastian's choice, and he made it known and I wanted to honor that choice even though I was on the fence about it." - Gerri Osman, Sebastian's mom



HAVE QUESTIONS?

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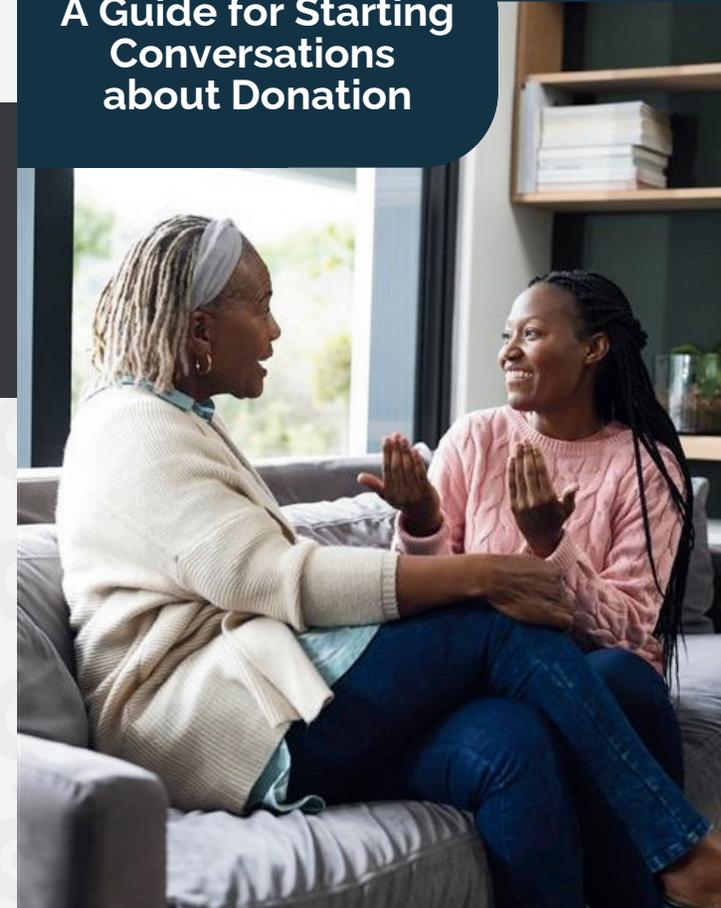
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LET'S TALK ABOUT ORGAN, TISSUE & EYE DONATION

A Guide for Starting Conversations about Donation



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WHY TALK ABOUT IT?

Registering as a donor means you are saying “YES” to helping others in the event of your death. Your decision gives medical professionals the ability to evaluate and recover your organs and tissues to save lives and heal those in need. Choosing to register as a donor is your legal right. This decision is personal and, unless you are a minor, cannot be changed by your family.

When your loved ones know your decision, it can bring comfort, clarity, and peace during a difficult time. When families first learn in the ICU that their loved one registered to be an organ donor, it can feel overwhelming. That’s why it’s important to share your decision ahead of time—tell your family and tell them why it matters to you.



HOW TO START THE CONVERSATION

“I’ve been thinking about organ, tissue and eye donation... Do you know anyone who’s been a donor or recipient?”

“My hopes for what donation could mean for me and my family are . . .”

“I’ve heard that one donor can save up to eight lives. What do you think about that?”

“I can register when I receive or renew my license, or by visiting the donor registry”

“How did you decide if you wanted to be a donor?”

“I’m thinking about saying YES to donation, what are your thoughts about that?”

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE TOGETHER

Use these prompts to guide an open, honest discussion with those you trust:

- ② What does it mean to be an organ, tissue, and eye donor?
- ② Why might someone choose to register as a donor? Why not?
- ② What questions are worth exploring to better understand donation and make an informed decision?
- ② What would be the best way to share my decision with my loved ones?

Does next of kin have the authority to override the registry?

No. Families cannot override your decision to donate as it is the legal right of individuals to make the donation decision for themselves.

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What happens if a family is opposed to their loved one’s donor designation?

Most families support their loved one’s choice to save lives. If a family is opposed, DonorConnect staff will confirm documentation, address questions or concerns, and work with the family to help them understand the impact of donor designation – while advocating for the individual’s decision.