

You have the power  
to Donate Life.



Roma, kidney recipient

A kidney transplant gave Roma the chance to do what every other kid wants to do: just be a kid.

Roma's passion is rhythmic gymnastics. The sport is graceful and beautiful, just like the little girl who is able to do it because someone like you made the decision to be a donor.

Organ, eye and tissue transplants offer patients a new chance at healthy, productive, and normal lives and return them to their families, friends and communities. You have the power to change someone's world by being a donor.

Be an organ, eye  
and tissue donor.



# Facts about Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation

- Your commitment to donation will not interfere with your medical care. Organ and tissue donation becomes an option only after all life-saving efforts have been made and death has been declared.
- All major religions support organ, eye and tissue donation as an unselfish act of charity.
- There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for donation. The donor family pays only for medical expenses before death and for funeral expenses.
- Donation should not delay or change funeral arrangements. An open casket funeral is possible.
- In the United States, it is illegal to buy or sell organs and tissue for transplantation.
- Organs are distributed based upon medical information like blood type, body size, and tissue type matching through a national computer network operated by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). It is illegal to distribute organs based on non-medical information such as wealth, citizenship, or celebrity status.
- Tissue is distributed based upon patient need, availability, and medical criteria.
- Every donor can save and enhance the lives of up to 50 people.

*Register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor.*



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