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Shining a Light of Hope on Organ and Tissue Donation

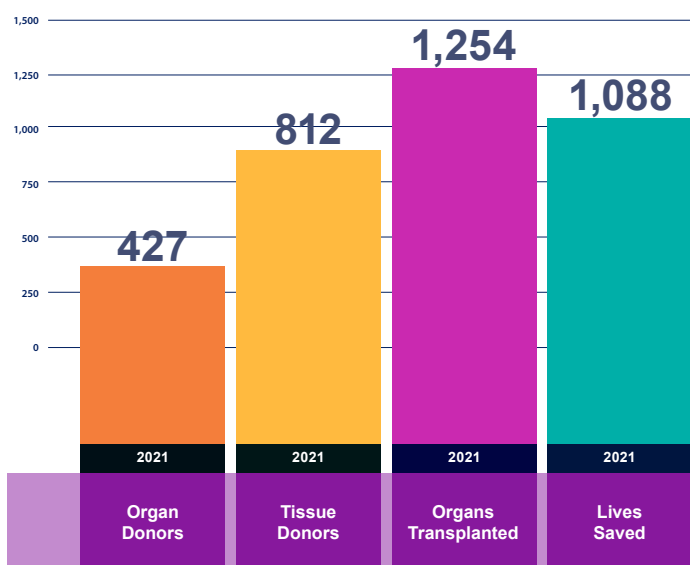


LifeGift
DONATE LIFE
Texas

ANNUAL REPORT AND FAMILY ALBUM

These numbers represent lives, families and members of our community impacted by the gift of life.

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837 Registered people became donors

Perfusion helps preserve the function of the kidney between recovery and transplantation.

540 PERFUSED KIDNEYS

115 ORGANS RECOVERED for education, medical therapy and clinical research.

50,116 REFERRALS SCREENED

by LifeGift's Communication Center for Donation (CCD) to assess potential donors for suitability, providing the first step in offering hope to families.

421 FLYOUTS

LifeGift occasionally flies out to accept lifesaving organs from donors within and outside our service area.

Community Outreach Highlights

LifeGift Supports Our Communities

DEALING WITH HISTORIC WEATHER CRISIS

LifeGift's Houston Office Helps Out Local Community

On February 20, 2021 LifeGift had the privilege of giving back to our community by co-sponsoring a food truck (thank you Mr. Sizzles) providing a hot meal to support our neighbors during the weather crisis. It was a pleasure working alongside organizers/sponsors ABC 13-Miya Shay, State Representative Gene Wu, Judge Julia Maldonado, Anne Sung/HISD Board of Trustees, Houston Police Department and Wisdom High School - Houston in this effort.

LifeGift's Lauren Quinn, vice president of external relations adds, "It's truly inspiring to see our community join together to help others during this challenging time. On behalf of the entire LifeGift team, we're so humbled to be a part of this event, offering hope to those who need it."



LifeGift's Fort Worth Office Provides Much Needed Water to Community

On February 24, 2021 nearly 600 residents in Fort Worth stood in line for food, water and other much needed supplies. With support from LifeGift, the [Community Food Bank \(CFB\)](#) in Fort Worth provided much needed drinking water to residents in a low-income apartment complex which did not have running water due to the recent weather conditions. Many residents did not have available transportation, so water was delivered directly to the apartment complex.

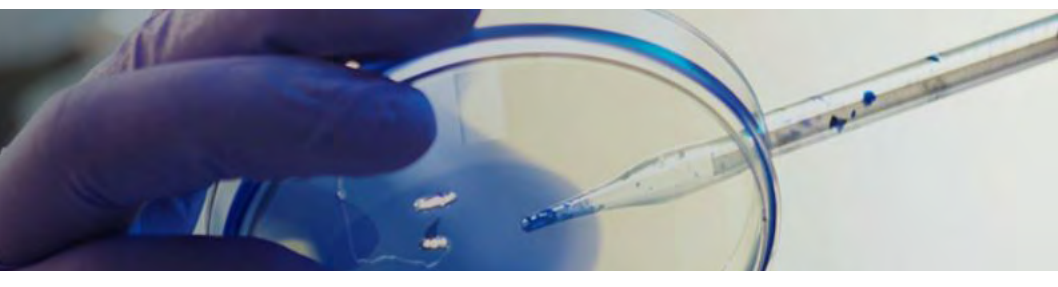
CFB's chief operations director, Rudy Taylor says, "Water is very difficult to source right now, but with help from LifeGift we were able to schedule an additional water delivery." Taylor is a big supporter of LifeGift and organ, tissue and eye donation. Within the first five minutes of meeting with LifeGift's Fort Worth community engagement specialist, Paul Cobb, Taylor proudly displayed his Texas driver license with the red donor heart.

LifeGift's Lubbock Office Partners with First Progressive Baptist Church to Provide Food and Water to the Community

LifeGift partnered with Pastor Deshun Avery with the [First Progressive Baptist Church](#) and other church leaders to provide food and water to those less fortunate in the community. The team connected on March 13, 2021 at [M C Overton Park](#), which has a large number of individuals who are homeless. The team first started with a prayer and then served food and water to those in need.

Over the years, Pastor Avery has actively supported the local community in many ways including providing weekly hot take-out meals and truck to trunk food drives. He plans to host a drive for those in need of household appliances such as washers, dryers, ovens, refrigerators and microwave ovens.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to assist Pastor Avery in serving our community," says Sheena Smith-McBride, LifeGift executive assistant. "This outreach touches something deep in my heart. I remember seeing homeless people at streetlights as a kid and always wanted to help. My mom would go to the grocery store and get nonperishable items for me to share with those less fortunate. She always taught us that it's better to give than to receive and that truly resonated with me. It's a privilege to work with LifeGift in supporting the community."



Our Commitment Sets Us Apart

Research and Innovation in Organ Transplantation

As part of our life-saving mission at LifeGift we are committed to clinical research and new, innovative technologies that will help save lives today and in the future. Here are some highlights of LifeGift's technological innovations supporting our mission:

LifeGift Utilizing Simulation to Improve Organ Donation

LifeGift's Simulation (SIM) Center is an innovative, research-driven, state-of-the-art training center. The SIM Center is envisioned as a premier educational environment devoted to the training of clinical staff with particular focus on how team members learn and adapt to new procedures and technologies. Additionally, its goals are to lead in evaluation development and testing regarding emerging technologies and techniques in transplantation surgery.

LifeGift's SIM Center trains staff to react and respond to various scenarios in a life-like simulated environment so risk to patients is substantially lowered in real life situations. Reducing medical errors and improving patient safety are essential elements of patient care, but not the only ones. Providing optimal patient care also includes uncovering latent safety threats, facilitating teamwork, and ensuring professional competency is improved.

Through clinical training in organ and tissue donor management, including medication, fluid and ventilator management, LifeGift's SIM Center advances the clinical team's critical thinking skills to stabilize patients effectively, reduce possibilities of errors, and yield more organs and tissue transplanted per donor.

LifeGift Is Vital Partner In Developing National Organ Tracking Service

LifeGift is collaborating with the United Network for

Organ Sharing (UNOS) to improve the way organs are transported in the United States. In circumstances where a transplant surgeon is unable to recover the organs for his/her patient, the organ is recovered by another surgeon then packaged and transported to the transplant center. The transportation can range from being driven across a city to being flown across the country.

The UNOS Organ Tracking Service utilizes GEGO Internet of Things (IoT) technology and is integrated into the systems that the nation's 57 OPOs already use to package and label organs for transport. It enables transported organs to be tracked via GPS technology, ensuring the organ is safely accounted for at every stage of transport.

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LifeGift Is a Founding Member of Biostatistics Research Institute: To Increase Transplantation Using Cryogenic Storage of Donor Organs for Transplantation

LifeGift announced the launch of the Biostatistics Research Institute (BRI) which will fund the establishment of two new academic research centers dedicated to the cryopreservation of living organs, tissues and organisms – the first in U.S. history. LifeGift was the first organ procurement organization to join BRI as a founding member.

BRI launched three new research programs that will use pioneering technology to have an enormous impact on human health. Each of these goals is uniquely tractable from a bioengineering perspective and meets the needs of a vulnerable or underserved community of patients.

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