New England Donor Services (NEDS)

Responsible for the surgical recovery of organs and tissues for transplant throughout the New England region and Bermuda.

NEDS is dedicated to saving and enhancing lives through organ and tissue donation.

www.NEDS.org

We use the Donate Life logo to represent the effort and mission for organ & tissue donation.
WHAT CAN BE DONATED?

**Organs**
- Heart: Provides years of active living
- Lungs: Allow unaided breathing
- Kidneys: Save patients from dialysis and early death
- Liver: Restores life
- Intestines: Aid digestion
- Pancreas: Eliminates insulin dependency for diabetics

**Tissue**
- Corneas: Regain sight
- Tendons: Rebuild joints
- Valves: Repair cardiac defects
- Veins: Re-establish circulation
- Skin: Heals burn patients
- Bones: Prevent the need for amputation

Organs & Tissue Recovered for Transplant – Deceased Donation

Provided by Donate Life America 2016

New England Donor Services
Organ & Tissue Donor Registry

More than 58% of Americans are registered organ & tissue donors!

Anyone can register:
www.RegisterMe.org
State Dpt. of Motor Vehicle office
Living Donation

- Most organ and tissue donations occur after the donor has died. But some organs can be donated while the donor is alive.
- Most between family or close friends
- Or, altruistic living donors
- Living Donation Registry coming spring 2020
The Need

113,000 men, women and children are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant in the U.S. – imagine filling 3 stadiums!
The Need

On average **22 people a day do not survive** waiting for their transplant due to lack of available organs.

Every **10 minutes another name is added** to the organ transplant waiting list.

Approximately **1% of the deaths** that occur each year present the right circumstances for organ donation.

The **vast majority** of Americans report that they would donate their organs after death.
Do you have a HEART?
You can HELP!

1. Sign up to be donor
2. Tell your family and friends
3. Tell others how they can sign up
YOUR STORY MATTERS
95% of Americans but only 58% are registered. Starting a conversation about donation gives people the opportunity to consider donation, sharing your story will help inspire and educate – and let people know how they can make a difference by registering today to be a donor at www.RegisterMe.org.
Volunteer Opportunities

DONOR DRIVES
FAIRS & FESTIVALS
SCHOOL PROGRAMS
CAMPUS EVENTS
PRESENTATIONS
MEDIA
SOCIAL MEDIA
MOTOR VEHICLE PROGRAM
WALKS, RACES & SPORTING EVENTS
BLUE & GREEN WALKS IN CT AND MA
PARADES
FUNDRAISING
SHARE YOUR IDEAS!
Walk With Us!

Honor, Remember & Celebrate

Windsor, CT
Blue & Green Walk in the spring

Boston, MA
Blue & Green Walk in the fall
Getting Started

• Fill out Volunteer Application

• Sign Image Consent & Confidentiality

• You will receive a Volunteer Packet and you can find resources on our Volunteer Page on www.NEDS.org

• Schedule your orientation with our Volunteer Coordinator

• Send us your Volunteer Profile/Bio/Your Story
  • About one paragraph – one page
  • Your name, connection to donation
  • A little about you – work, interests, family, social/business groups you may belong to, military, etc...
  • You can include a photo
Requirements?

Positive!

Show off your Volunteer Swag!

As active as you can be!

Follow up!

Get a Gig!
Pre & Post Event/Activity

**BEFORE:** Let us know, materials? extra help? Review volunteer packet, fact sheets, table tips and presentation guide..

**Logo:** Are you hosting an event or fundraiser and would like to use our logo? Contact us for the correct Donate Life logo file.

**AFTER:** Tell us about your activity – general comments, photos, if people signed up to be a donor, questions..

**Parking:** NEDS will reimburse parking fee, send original receipt to NEDS, Volunteer Services, 60 First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451
Pre & Post Event/Activity

Table Tips

Prior to the event review Table Tips sheet

NEDS will provide information & materials

Keep an event kit ready: signs in holders, brochures in holders, poster and Donate Life materials such as pens

Share photos – groups pictures are great!

Follow up!
Pre & Post Event/Activity Presentations

Prior to the event review Presentation Guide

NEDS will provide materials if needed

Know your audience – age group, etc.

Practice sharing your story

Follow up!
Pre & Post Event/Activity

Language is Important

PLEASE SAY

RECOVER rather than saying harvest
VENTILATOR rather than saying life support
DECEASED DONATION rather than saying cadaveric/cadaver
ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION rather than saying bank
Dispelling Myths

“You don’t want my organs, I’m too old.. I’ve had cancer.. My health isn’t great…”

All people should consider themselves potential organ and tissue donors—regardless of age, health, race, or ethnicity. Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissues can be donated. Don’t rule yourself out! No one is too old or too young to be a deceased donor and most major religions support donation. Newborns and senior citizens into their 90s have been organ donors. The health of your organs is more important than your age.
Dispelling Myths

“I would sign up, but will they save my life if I’m in an accident and see the heart on my license?”

Your life always comes first. Doctors work hard to save every patient’s life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is donation an option.
Stay Involved & Connected

Attend meetings or conference calls

Look for communication sent via e-mail

Join our Volunteer Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/DLNEvolunteers

Follow us on social media:

www.facebook.com/donatelifenewengland

Twitter.com/DLNewEngland

instagram.com/donatelifenewengland
Organizations & Groups to Know

DLA - Donate Life America
www.donatelife.net

UNOS - The United Network of Organ Sharing
www.UNOS.org

HRSA – The U.S. Dpt of Health and Human Services (Health Resources and Services Administration)
www.organdonor.gov

TGA Team New England – Transplant Games of America
Teamnewengland@neds.org
www.transplantgamesofamerica.org
Welcome New Volunteers!
Thank you!