

# About the Organ and Tissue Donor Program

The Nevada Organ and Tissue Donor Program was formed with the passage of Assembly Bill 497 during the 2001 legislative session.

The bill created the Gift of Life Fund which is a funding mechanism derived from donations used for educating the public on the vital importance of being an organ donor.

The donor program was founded by Nevada First Lady Dawn Gibbons and former State Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa.

Donor program members from the University of Nevada School of Medicine include Trudy Larson, M.D. and Cassandra Smith, R.N.

Other members include the Nevada State Medical Association, Nevada Nurses Association, Transplant Network, Nevada Donor Network, California Transplant Donor Network, Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, as well as many academic institutions, the medical and legislative communities, city and state workers, civil organizations, and friends of transplant recipients and candidates.

The Nevada Organ and Tissue Donor Program is a state program housed at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

**For more information, contact Cassandra Smith, R.N. at 775-784-6171. You can also visit us online at [giftoflife.nv.gov](http://giftoflife.nv.gov).**



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## Learn More

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### California Transplant Donor Network

[ctdn.org](http://ctdn.org) • 800-553-6667

### Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles

[dmv.nv.gov](http://dmv.nv.gov)  
(License renewal, donor options and donations)

### Nevada Donor Network

[nvdonor.org](http://nvdonor.org) • 702-796-9600

### The Transplant Network

[thetransplantnetwork.com](http://thetransplantnetwork.com) • 775-784-6171

### United Network of Organ Sharing

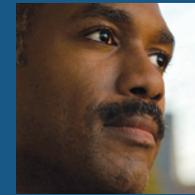
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# Give the Gift of Life



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## The Power to Save Lives

A family waits and hopes a new heart will arrive to save their father's life. A mother now walks without pain because of a bone transplant. A young boy grows up to lead a healthy life thanks to a kidney transplant.

There are over 111,000 people on the waiting list and 18 people die each day. You can help dozens of people on the waiting list simply by becoming a donor.

When you receive or renew your driver's license at the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, you have a chance to make a difference and help save lives by adding a heart to your driver's license.

That heart will proudly symbolize that you are an organ and tissue donor.

## The Facts

Organs that can be used to save lives include the heart, kidneys, pancreas, lungs and liver. Tissues include the eyes, skin and bones.

There is no cost to you, your family or estate to be a donor. Your choice to be a donor does not affect the quality of life-saving medical care you receive.

Organ and tissue recovery will only happen after every effort has been made to save your life and donation will not disfigure your body if your decision is to have an open casket funeral service.

A national organ and tissue donation system makes certain that all patients receive donations fairly—race, gender, age, income and other factors are not considered when determining who receives organs and tissue.

## Be an Organ Donor

When you get or renew your Nevada driver's license, you will have the chance to join the thousands of Americans who are registered as donors.

After you register, your driver's license will read 'organ donor' and proudly display a donor logo, a red heart.

## Make a Financial Gift

Financial gifts to the Gift of Life Fund are critical in supporting donor efforts. You can contribute by:

- Donating one dollar or more when you renew your driver's license;
- Purchasing a donor license plate at the DMV or online at [dmv.nv.com](http://dmv.nv.com);
- Contributing financially to the Gift of Life Fund.

The fund supports efforts to inform the public about the important role organ and tissue donation plays in saving lives.

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## Save a Life Today

*The information that you provide is confidential. The State of Nevada prohibits the Department of Motor Vehicles from selling or sharing your information with anyone, including companies or other government agencies.*

**Gender**  Male  Female

**Race**  Asian  Black  Hispanic  White

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**First, Middle and Last Name**

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**Address**

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**City, State and Zip**

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**Telephone**

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**Date of Birth** (required) (MM/DD/YYYY)

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**Driver's License or State ID Number**

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**Your Signature**

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**Parent's or Guardian's Signature**

(if under 18 years of age)

## Mail Form

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