

## The South Carolina Donor Registry

- South Carolina did not have an organ and tissue donor registry prior to December of 2008. The heart on the state driver's license/ID only indicated intent to be a donor, but did not put individuals in a registry.
- Now, South Carolinians can register their legal consent to become a donor by visiting the website [www.Every11Minutes.org](http://www.Every11Minutes.org) or when obtaining, renewing or changing their license/ID through the SCDMV.
- When registering through the SCDMV, a new heart symbol is placed on the driver's license/ID. This is a circle with 11 tics representing the fact that every 11 minutes another person is placed on the national transplant waiting list.
- Currently South Carolina has approximately **800,000** registered donors. *(as of 11/1/11)*

### New SCDMV Driver's License Donor Symbol:



## The Need

- Every 11 minutes another person is added to the national organ transplant waiting list.
- Every 90 minutes someone like you and me dies in the U.S. waiting on a transplant that could give that person many more years of a new and normal life.
- An average of 18 people die each day in the United States due t the lack of available organs for transplant.
- There are approximately 1000 people on the South Carolina list awaiting a life-saving transplant. *(as of 11/1/11)*
- Approximately 90% of patients on the South Carolina waiting list need a kidney and most of those patients are African American.

## Latest Data

- In the United States, approximately 112,000 men, women and children currently await life-saving organ transplants.
- In South Carolina, 118 people became organ donors at their deaths during 2010 and helped save 406 lives. Nationally, over 26,000 people began new lives last year thanks to organ transplants.
- In South Carolina, there were also 335 tissue donors and 587 ocular (eye) donations in 2010. Nationally, over 40,000 patients had their sight restored through cornea transplants and over 1 million tissue transplants were performed during 2010.

***“You Have the Power to Donate LIFE. Register as an Organ and Tissue Donor.”***

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## Who We Are

**LifePoint** is certified by the federal government, as the designated Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) for organ recovery services in South Carolina, with the exception of Aiken and Edgefield counties.

## What We Do

- Provide education on organ, tissue and eye donation to South Carolinians
- Work with Donate Life South Carolina to develop and implement statewide donor awareness campaigns.
- Dispel myths with facts concerning organ, tissue and eye donation.
- Support and educate families at an emotionally devastating time, so they can make a well-informed decision about donation. (Whether they decide for or against donation, our aim is to assure that they will feel they have made the right decision in the months and years to come.)
- LifePoint actively provides organ, tissue and ocular donor services to 62 hospitals throughout the state.

## How the Media Can Help

- Tell the stories of South Carolina's donor families and transplant recipients.
- Report the staggering imbalance between the number of organs available and the number of South Carolinians on the transplant waiting list
- Educate the public concerning the need to save and enhance lives through organ, tissue and eye donation for transplantation.

## Personal Stories for the Media

- Donor families can describe how they made the choice to donate life to one or more people.
- Living donors can be interviewed about their choice to donate life to another.
- Transplant recipients can describe how their lives were saved by others who chose to donate life.

## When You Have Questions Or Need Current Data

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