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The Facts About Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation

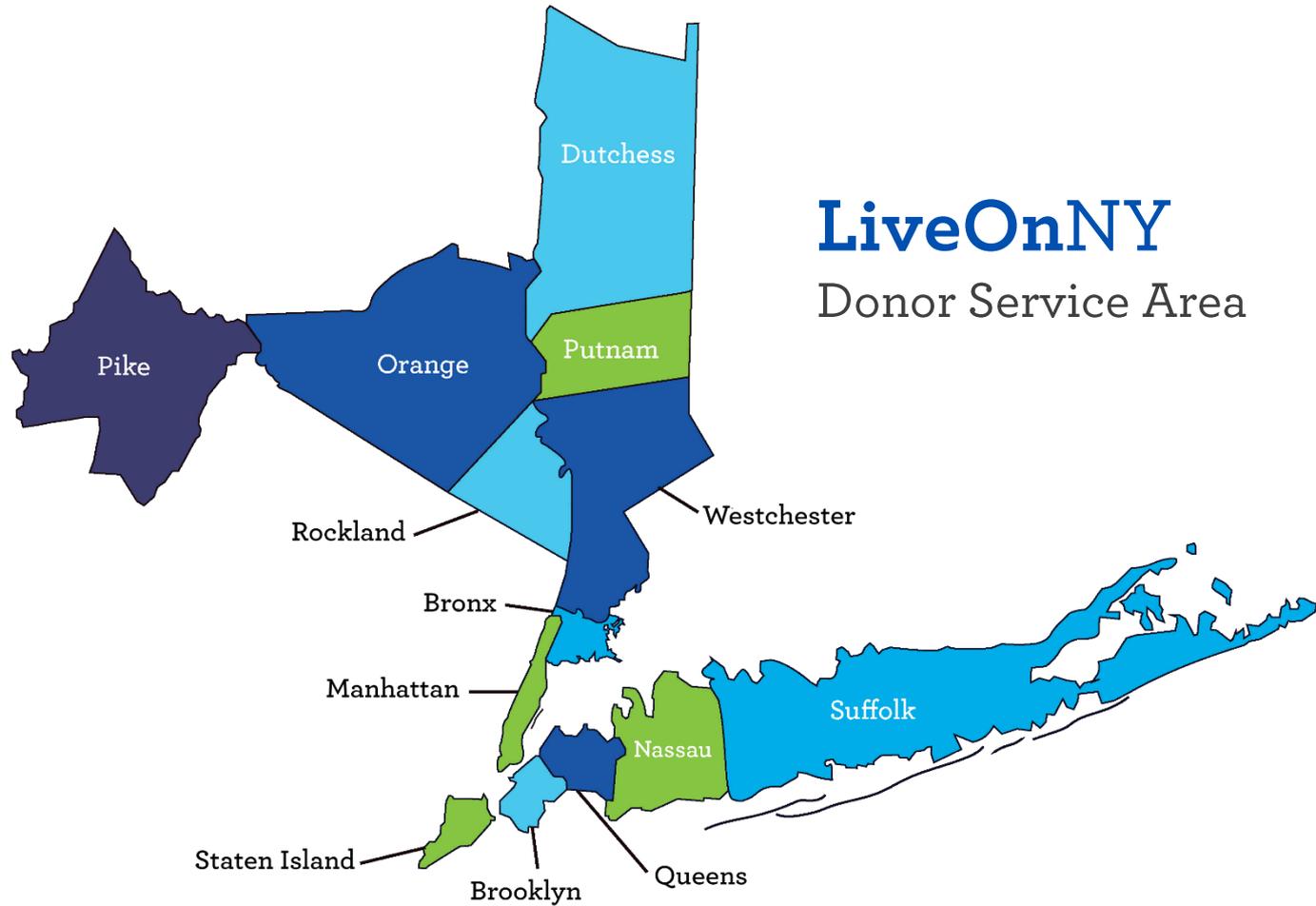
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About Us

Our mission is to save lives, provide comfort, and strengthen legacies through organ, eye, and tissue donation.

- We educate the community about the power of donation.
- We advocate on behalf of those waiting for a transplant.
- We partner with local hospitals and transplant centers to deliver the gift of life.
- We handle all behind the scenes logistics.
- We care for the families of organ donors who selflessly give the gift of life.

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Donor Service Area

The image is a blue-tinted aerial photograph of a city street, likely in New York City. The street is wide and runs vertically through the center of the frame, with several cars and a white van visible. On either side of the street are multi-story brick buildings with many windows. In the background, a dense skyline of skyscrapers is visible under a clear blue sky. The overall tone is monochromatic and professional.

It Starts With A Hero

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The Finest, Bravest & Strongest



Wilbert Mora

William Moon

Roger Kwok

Deceased Donation

Organ, eye, and tissue donation can **only** happen when a patient dies in a hospital and has been declared dead by a doctor.

- Candidates for organ donation must have been placed on a ventilator prior to their death or have died while on a ventilator.
- Extensive testing is performed to ensure the organs are healthy, and to identify a matching transplant recipient.
- A patient must be signed up as an organ donor, or authorization must be granted.

Saying Yes To Donation

Even if someone has not signed up as an organ donor prior to their death, donation is still possible:

- Healthcare proxy
- Spouse or domestic partner (if not legally separated)
- Child (18+)
- Parent
- Sibling (18+)
- Grandchild (18+)
- Grandparent
- Legal guardian



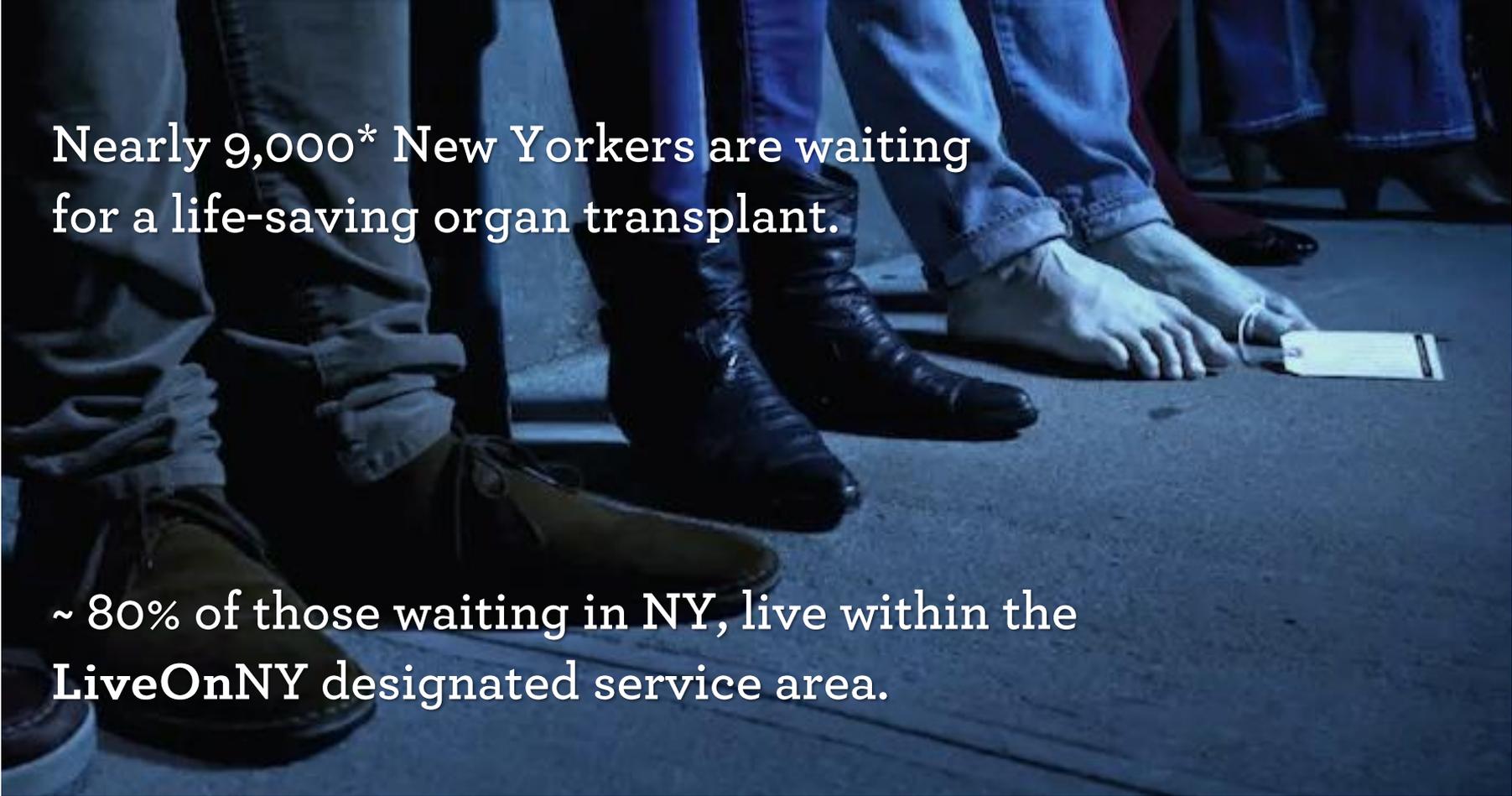
Tomasa donated her son's organs when he died.



The Gift of Life

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Too Many Waiting



Nearly 9,000* New Yorkers are waiting
for a life-saving organ transplant.

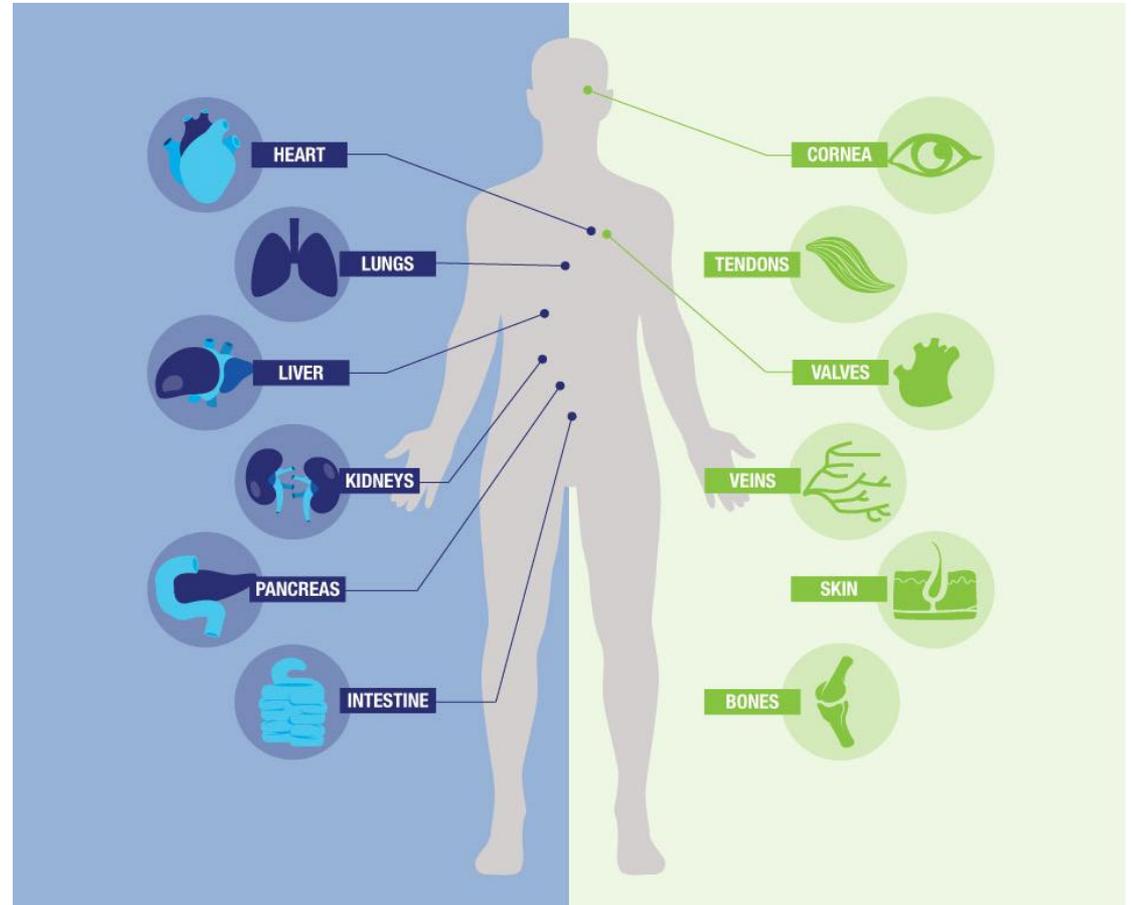
~ 80% of those waiting in NY, live within the
LiveOnNY designated service area.

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A Hero's Gift

1 organ donor can save **8 lives** and enhance up to **75 lives** through tissue donation.



Living Donation

Living donors can choose who receives their organ – likely reducing wait times and improving outcomes.

- Donation isn't limited to family members or friends; altruistic donation can also benefit total strangers.
- Paired donation allows for two or more incompatible donors and recipients to be linked to form a donation “chain”.
- Living donation is handled directly through transplant centers and only after extensive testing to ensure healthy outcomes for all.
- New York State Living Donors Support Act allows for reimbursement of costs not covered by insurance (lost wages, childcare, etc.)

Getting a Transplant

Get a Referral: A doctor must refer a patient to a transplant program as a potential transplant candidate



Gather Information: The transplant center will collect details on the patient



Evaluation Appointment: The transplant center will conduct an evaluation to find out if the patient is a good candidate for transplant



Get Listed: If the transplant team members determine that a patient is a suitable candidate, they will add the person to the national transplant waiting list

Getting a Transplant

Factors considered when matching an organ to a patient:

- Blood and tissue types
- Body mass
- Rank on the national transplant waiting list
- Geographic proximity between the donor and recipient

Information gathered from medical tests is used to identify the best match from the transplant waiting list.

It is illegal to make organ donation matches based on race, gender, religion, income status, social or celebrity status.

Roxanne Watson

When 23-year-old Michael Bovill was killed in a motorcycle accident in 2010, his family knew he wanted to be a donor.

Since receiving her transplant, Roxanne has met three of the other recipients of Michael's gifts.

She is a tireless advocate for donation – personally registering more than 12,000 organ donors across New York State.



True or False

“People of color are more likely to need a transplant.”

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- African Americans, Hispanics, and Pacific Islanders are 3 times more likely than Caucasians to suffer from end-stage renal disease.*
- A more diverse donor population makes it easier to find a match for all patients. Blood type and tissue markers are important factors in matching.

*According to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Race and Organ Donation

People of color are more likely to need life-saving transplants (67%) and less likely to choose organ donation (39%) as part of their final wishes.

LiveOnNY partners with elected officials, houses of worship, high schools/colleges, and hospitals to engage and educate all our communities.

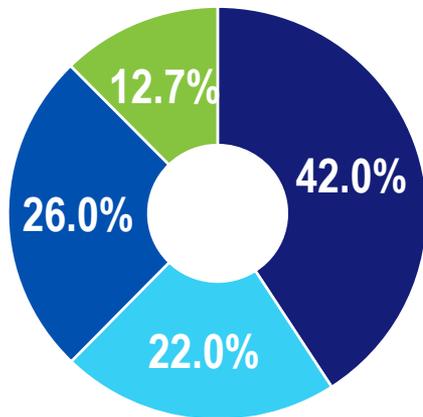


Anita, cornea recipient and living liver donor for her father.

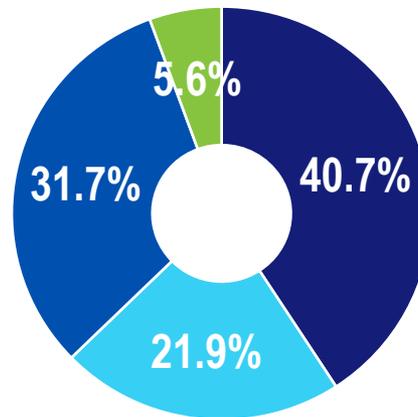
Equity in Donation and Transplantation

LiveOnNY Donor and Recipient Distribution by Ethnicity vs Census, 2023

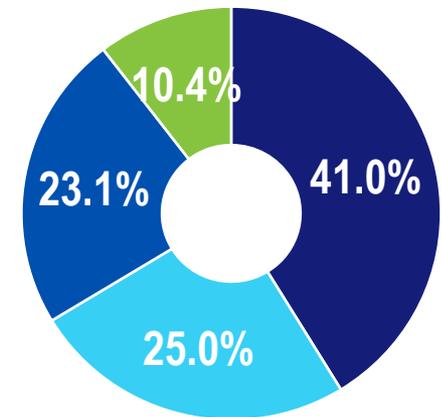
Estimated Population
(LVNY DSA)



LVNY
Donors



LVNY
Recipients



- White, Non-Hispanic
- Black, Non-Hispanic
- Hispanic/Latino
- Asian, Non-Hispanic

*Population data derived by County level. Split DSA Counties included as whole.
Data Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts>, OPTN. Data Range: 01/01/2023-12/31/2023. Extracted 1/26/2024.



We Need Action

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Our Call to Action

Only 50% of New Yorkers are registered organ donors.



Low registration rates have led to an organ shortage.



Due to the shortage, those who need transplants wait longer.



On average a waiting New Yorker will die every day.

Our Call to Action

There is no better way to show support for organ donation than by enrolling with the NYS Donate Life Registry.



Queens Community Board 2 Data

Zip Codes	Candidates	Recipients	Donors
11101	5	2	0
11104	5	2	3
11377	6	6	2
111378	5	6	0

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True or **False**

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- All hospital staff including doctors, nurses, and EMT workers are trained, focused, and legally obligated to save lives.
- The doctors who treat patients are not affiliated with organ, eye, and tissue donation.

True or False

“Organ donation is against my religion.”

True or **False**

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- Major religions celebrate organ donation as a way to save lives, including:
 - Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Catholicism
- Organ donation is seen as an opportunity to save lives, extend one’s blessings, and as a final act of kindness and generosity by many religions

True or False

“I’m too old/too sick to be an organ donor.”

True or False

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- There is no age limit for organ, eye, and tissue donation.
 - The oldest donor recorded in New York State was 93 years old.
- There are no medical requirement in order to sign up to be a registered organ, eye and tissue donor.
 - Medical history will be reviewed at the time of donation to determine potential matches and needs.

True or False

“I won’t be able to have the funeral I want.”

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- Organ, eye and tissue recovery for donation are surgical procedures, treated with the utmost care and respect.
 - Open casket viewing is possible.
- LiveOnNY works with families’ timeframes for burial.

True or False

“I want to be an organ donor.”

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- Have the conversation with your family and/or loved ones to let them know your wishes.
- QR Code



Thank You!

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