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One organ donor can save up to 8 lives. One tissue donor can improve the lives of 50 people. There are two types of consent for deceased donations, the first person consent is authorization via registration of a living will or last will and testament by the individual wishing to become a donor, and third person consent with authorization for donation by a legally authorized party for an individual who is not registered or who has not legally declared consent.

Organ donations will only occur after the patient has been declared dead by a physician who legally must not be affiliated with the donation. There is not age limit for donations and the oldest donor of record was 96, and a Doctor will make the determination regarding the viability of organs at the time of death, the donation of organs does not disfigure the body. Registering as an organ donor does not change your medical care. Organ donation is often possible even with certain health conditions.

Every 10 minutes another person is added to the national transplant waiting list, this list is managed by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). Most patients wait 1 to 2 years for an organ transplant, in New York State most patients wait 3 to 5 years.

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donors as well as to honor the donors who saved lives. Organ Donor Enrollment Day that focuses on the one goal of enrolling as many willing New Yorkers as possible in one single day, which typically takes place on the second Thursday in October. The final initiative is Donor Sabbath that engages faith-based communities to celebrate the lifesaving power of donation.

The signature programs are Aftercare for Donor Families where LiveOn provides compassionate support to organ donor family members through grief counseling, workshops, social events, and activities to honor their loved ones. Then the Volunteer Program in which our volunteers educate the community, register those who wish to sign up as organ donors, and participate in appreciation events thanking hospital staff and families of organ donors.

There is a need for organ donations and the communities of color are disproportionately affected by long wait times for organ transplants. The organ donation process follows strict guidelines to ensure fairness and equity.

Ms. Brenda Goodwin, Chairperson asked if there were any questions.

Questions and Answers

Ms. Brenda Goodwin, Chairperson called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

LiveOnNY

Caring for New Yorkers
through organ donation



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



We work with local hospitals and transplant centers to deliver the gift of life.



We care for the families of the organ and tissue donors who selflessly give the gift of life.



We educate the community about the power of organ, eye and tissue donation.



We advocate on behalf of those who are waiting for a lifesaving transplant.

LiveOnNY's

IMPACT

20,000+

lives saved through organ donation

500,000+

lives improved through tissue donation

6+ million

registered organ donors enrolled in NY