

TERMINOLOGY

Certain terms can be confusing or insensitive and carry negative connotations. When talking about students about organ, eye and tissue donation, consider your word choices carefully.

Always Say:

Recover or procure
Deceased donor
Ventilator
Register as a donor

Avoid Saying:

Harvest
Cadaver
Life support
Sign the back of your license

Example:

"A deceased donor remains on a ventilator to maintain organ function until recovery can take place."



ONE KENTUCKIAN'S STORY

ELEANOR

Eleanor was on full life support after her birth on Oct. 12, 2010.  revealed a congenital heart defect. Doctors said a transplant was the only option, and 10 days later, she was added to the national waiting list for a heart transplant. Eleanor was on the list for exactly two months. Her heart came from a girl in Pennsylvania. Eleanor's parents know few details, but have sent a letter of deep gratitude. Eleanor is now a big sister and a lively spirit to be around!

THE NEED FOR ORGAN DONORS



22 PEOPLE

nationwide die every day waiting for an organ



114,000 PEOPLE

nationwide are waiting for a transplant



EVERY 10 MINUTES

a person is added to the waiting list



MORE THAN 1,000

Kentuckians need a lifesaving transplant

THE BENEFITS OF DONATION

- There were more than 36,000 organ transplants in 2018
- One organ donor can save up to eight lives
- One tissue donor can heal more than 50 lives
- Every year over 1,000 Kentuckians have eyesight restored through cornea transplant

- ✓ **TO DO:** Talk about the importance of organ donation, asking others to identify various organs and talk about why someone would need a transplant.
- ✓ **TO DISCUSS:** Ask others what they think about donation. Ask again at the end of the lesson to see if facts change impressions.

DID YOU KNOW:

All major religions in the United States support organ, eye and tissue donation.

One of the biggest myths is that donation is against some religions. In fact, most religions regard it as a final act of love and generosity.

Wealthy and famous people have to wait, just like everyone else.

The misperception that celebrities receive transplants more often is just a result of how much more attention is paid to their lives, as opposed to the public.

Anyone, at any age, can be considered for organ donation.

There are no age limits. Parents or guardians must authorize donation for those under 18, but the oldest donor to date was 92 when her liver was donated.