

2002 STATISTICS

Recovered organs from 100 donors

Ranked #5 nationally out of 59 OPOs in number of organ donors per million population served

Performed 575 transplants at UWHC

Performed more than 100 liver transplants in one year for the first time

Celebrated 500th heart transplant at UWHC

GOVERNOR'S MEDAL CEREMONY 2002

On August 9, 2002 more than 200 donor family members gathered at the Governor's Executive Residence in Madison, WI to honor their loved ones. We were fortunate to have both Governor Scott McCallum and U.S. Deputy Surgeon General Kenneth Moritsugu attend the event. Both men honored the families and remembered those who graciously gave life to others through organ donation. The year 2003 will mark our tenth annual Governor's Medal Ceremony in Wisconsin.



U.S. Deputy Surgeon General Kenneth Moritsugu (left) and Governor Scott McCallum.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The year 2002 was a year of milestones for the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Organ Procurement (UWHC OPO) and Transplant programs. On September 18, the transplant program performed its first ever pancreas islet transplant. We celebrated our 500th heart transplant on November 25, and on December 16, for the first time, we performed 100 liver transplants in one year. These accomplishments, combined with the 575 total transplants performed in 2002, would not have been possible without the gracious decisions of 160 donor families in our area.

The UWHC OPO excelled in 2002, recovering 31 organ donors per million people in our designated service area. Nationally, this milestone placed UWHC OPO among the top five of 59 OPOs nationally. Another milestone for the UWHC OPO came in late December when we received full accreditation from the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO).

Each year we reflect on the relationships we've developed, campaigns we've implemented and the lives we've helped save through organ donation and transplantation. Yet each year we strive to do better. And we must do better because each day 16 people across the country die waiting for a transplant. Through the dedicated efforts of our local hospitals, the strong support of our communities and the selfless decisions of our donor families, we can reach our goal of offering the Gift of Life to everyone in need.

Anthony M. D'Messandro

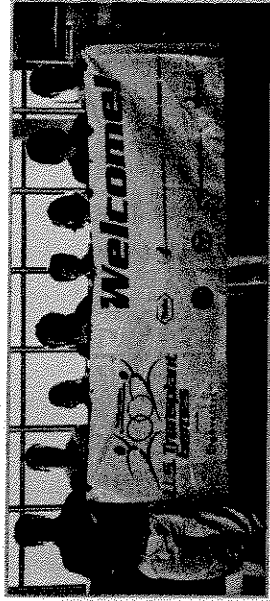
Anthony M. D'Messandro, MD
Executive Director

AOPO ACCREDITATION

In January, UWHC OPO received full accreditation from the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO). The accreditation is voluntary and it is awarded to OPOs that meet performance standards in the areas of hospital development, clinical practices, donor family services, public education, ethics, administration and safety.

EXTENDING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

A hallmark of UWHC OPO is the partnership between the OPO and designated requestors at our referring hospitals who facilitate organ donation. As an extension of the professional development offered to OPO staff members, in 2002 we offered opportunities for hospital liaisons to participate in national transplant and procurement conferences. In June, ten individuals attended the U.S. Transplant Games in Orlando, Florida to participate in a professional conference and to meet donor families and transplant recipients from across the nation.



UWHC OPO staff join hospital liaisons at the 2002 Transplant Games.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM EXPANDS

In 2002, our Speakers Bureau grew to more than 90 volunteers. The Speakers Bureau is designed to create a network of donor families and recipients dedicated to increasing awareness of the critical need for organ donation. This network of dedicated volunteers participated in more than 75 outreach activities, bringing the message of organ donation to communities throughout Wisconsin, Northern Illinois and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In fall 2003, we will launch our new Youth Ambassador program. This program is aimed at youth who are interested in increasing organ donor awareness among their peers.



Governor Scott McCallium honors donor families at the Annual Governor's Medal Ceremony.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS ARE IN

Last year, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded UWHC OPO a three-year, \$300,000 grant. The goal is to investigate opinions and attitudes about Donation after Cardiac Death (DCCD) and develop strategies to overcome barriers to DCCD. During the past year, we collected data from healthcare professionals via 22 focus groups, 60 interviews and more than 800 surveys. The input of the study participants will be invaluable in developing a new educational program for requesting Donation after Cardiac Death. Thanks for your support!

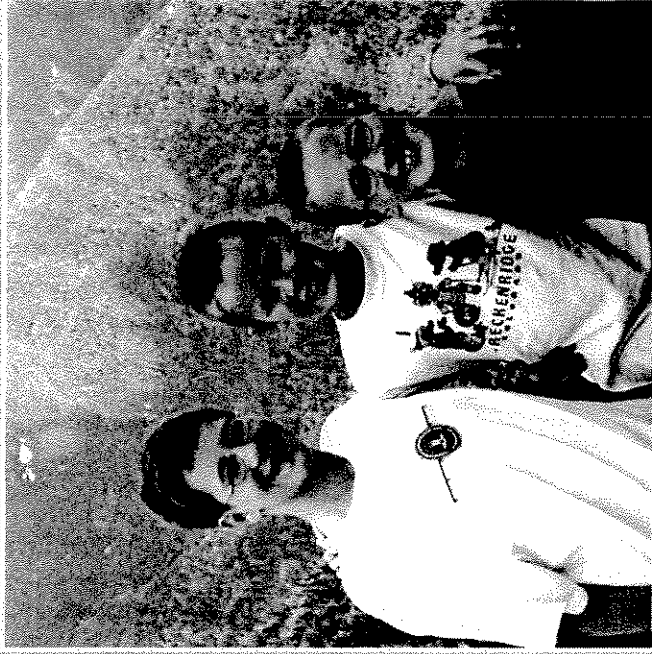
GRANT AWARDED TO OPO COORDINATOR

In May 2002 Jonathan Lewis, Organ Procurement Coordinator, was awarded a Fujisawa Healthcare, Inc. Research Grant through the North American Transplant Coordinators Organization (NATCO). The funds will be used to develop a patient assessment tool for Donation after Cardiac Death (DCCD). Results will be presented at the NATCO annual meeting in July 2003.

COVER PHOTO

Ben (left) and Michael (center) Zehn, Greenville, Wisconsin, are pictured with their brother Jacob, Ben, an eighth grader, enjoys biking, building legos®, cooking and eating. Michael, a tenth grader, enjoys playing soccer, baseball, singing and being with his brothers. Both Ben and Michael successfully received liver transplants in 1995. Organ donation has restored their lives and given them hope for a healthy future.

A Gift for Life



A GUIDE TO ORGAN DONATION



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Michael



"When a tragedy like Michael's death occurs, you're always looking for something good to come out of it."

Our son gave a child life.

"That's pretty meaningful."

(Michael Wolfe, center)



A DONOR'S STORY

Organ donation can be one of the hardest decisions a family has to make. It also can be one of the most important, with life and death hanging in the balance.

Jim and Cathy Wolfe of Fond du Lac faced this decision in October 1999, when a car accident critically injured their 18-year-old son, Michael. A Med Flight helicopter transported Michael to UW Hospital and Clinics in Madison, but within a few hours of arriving at the hospital, it became clear he was not going to survive. After allowing the Wolfes time to process this reality, Michael's doctors approached Jim and Cathy about the possibility of donating Michael's organs.

For the Wolfes, the decision to donate their son's organs proved an easy, if emotional one. By chance, Jim had casually discussed the subject of organ donation with his son a few months before his death. Michael had been playfully chiding his dad about signing and adding an organ donor sticker to Jim's driver's license.

UWHC transplant surgeons were able to use Michael's organs to save multiple patients lives. Later, the Wolfes had the opportunity to meet with the youngest recipient of their son's organs, an 8-month-old girl whose life was saved after she received part of Michael's liver.

Seeing the tangible result aided them in their grieving process.

"When a tragedy like Michael's death occurs, you're always looking for something good to come out of it. Our son gave a child life. That's pretty meaningful," says Jim.

As the Wolfes learned, Michael's decision to be an organ donor made the ultimate difference for many others. And Michael's decision provided a comforting sense of peace for his family as well.

"I felt a lot of grace afterward," says Cathy Wolfe. "I knew that Michael's organs could no longer serve him, but they could help save other people's lives."

Thomas



"My second chance at life has allowed me to attend my son's graduation from high school and my daughter's many drama performances. My wife and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary in December 1999." (Thomas Brown, far left)



A RECIPIENT'S STORY

Thomas Brown, age 42, is married and the father of two children. He and his family live in Park Forest, Illinois.

Several years ago, Thomas learned he needed a kidney transplant to restore him to good health. On the waiting list for 18 months, the wait for a transplant affected Thomas and his family in many ways. His medical treatment kept him away from his family, he had to adjust his work schedule, and he always endured the mental stress of not knowing if, and when, a donor's kidney would become available.

Thomas received his transplant in February 1999. It was successful, and soon he was able to do the things he loved again. "The freedom of being off dialysis and receiving a transplant has allowed me to travel and become physically active again," says Thomas.

Receiving a transplant has made a huge difference in Thomas' life. He appreciates many memories, recalling, "My second chance at life has allowed me to attend my son's graduation from high

school and my daughter's many drama performances." Another milestone Thomas was able to enjoy was the celebration of his 20th wedding anniversary in December 1999.

Recently, the Browns traveled to Jamaica for a family vacation. This family photo (left) is taken at the midway point of a 600-foot climb up Dunns River Falls in Jamaica. Thomas says he would not have been able to make this climb prior to his transplant.

The success of transplantation is only possible because courageous, generous individuals make the decision to become organ donors. When making this important decision, Thomas encourages people to remember, "You will be saving lives."

Robert



Robert Kenkol, from Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, loved the outdoors. His gift of organ donation gave others a second chance at life.



KNOW THE FACTS

Facts about donation

- The costs associated with organ donation are not passed on to the donor's family or estate.
- Organ donation does not disfigure a patient's body or prevent someone from having an open casket funeral.
- Organ donation takes place only after all efforts to save a patient's life have been exhausted. The transplant team is not notified until all lifesaving efforts have failed and death has been determined.
- Medical criteria for organ donation changes frequently. The best thing to do is to make a decision today and allow healthcare professionals to determine if donation is medically possible.

Is there an age limit for organ donation?

Anyone can be a donor, regardless of age. At the time of death, the appropriate medical professionals will determine whether a patient's organs can be transplanted.

Do most religions support donation?

Almost all religions approve of organ donation and consider it an act of charity.

Can the donor family meet the recipient?

Initially, if they choose, both donor families and recipients can learn the general characteristics of each other (age, gender, etc.) and correspond anonymously. Later, if both the donor family and recipient agree, they may correspond directly and even meet.

Who decides who receives donated organs?

A national system, operated by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), ensures the fair distribution of organs in the United States. Donated organs are generally transplanted first locally, then regionally and nationally. Medical urgency, blood type and body size are considerations in determining who receives an organ.

Nash



Nash Reininger, born in 1995, had a liver transplant last same year. Six years later, young Nash is a happy, active boy who lives with his family in Green Lake, Wisconsin—thanks to the miracle of transplantation.



MAKING THE DECISION

Why is organ donation so important?

Today, organ transplantation holds the promise of life for thousands of patients with life-threatening conditions and diseases. The generosity of donor families who overcome their tragedy to help others is immeasurable.

Despite modern advances in medicine, the number of patients on the waiting list continues to increase daily. Currently, thousands of people in the United States await organ transplantation; many die every day because not enough organs are available.

But you can help! Most people who receive organ transplantation go on to live healthy, productive lives. And just one donor can save the lives of many.

How can I become an organ donor?

Two simple steps make a lifesaving difference.

STEP 1: Say YES to organ donation on your driver's license and/or donor card.

STEP 2: Share your decision with your family. It is important for everyone to make the decision. It is even more important to let your family know your wishes. Sharing your decision with your family now will prevent confusion or uncertainty about your wishes later.

What organs can I donate?

Organs that can be donated for transplant include:

- Heart
- Lungs
- Liver
- Pancreas
- Kidneys
- Intestines

Danielle



Danielle Johnson, age 9, found du Lac.

Wisconsin, loved playing basketball, eating Mexican food, playing the violin and picking flowers for her mom.

Danielle's gift of organ donation helped others enjoy life the way she did.



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The UWHC OPO is located within a major academic medical center and is recognized as one of the most successful organ procurement programs in the nation. This level of success is due in part to the UWHC OPO's commitment to developing partnerships that make organ donation work: relationships between donor families and recipients, between the UWHC OPO and staff at referring hospitals, and between the general public and the transplant community.

Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) coordinate activities relating to organ recovery in designated service areas. These service areas may cover complete states or portions of states. The UWHC OPO serves a population of 3.2 million people in portions of Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. It partners with approximately 100 hospitals in its region to make organ donation and transplantation successful.

The UWHC OPO clinically evaluates potential donors, discusses donation with family members, and arranges for the surgical recovery of donated organs.

UWHC OPO mission statement

As a hospital-based program, the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Organ Procurement Organization dedicates its efforts to educating healthcare professionals and the community on the critical need for organ donation. Inherent in this mission is our continual goal—to increase organ donation—by building relationships and advancing the field of organ recovery.

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Who Can Donate
Almost everyone can be a donor. The family will be asked to consent for donation and the donor must meet medical criteria.

Funeral Arrangements

Your decision to donate should not interfere with funeral arrangements. Tissue Banks work closely with Funeral Homes to ensure that funeral plans are not delayed and take place in accordance with the wishes of the family. Tissue donation takes place within 24 hours after a declaration of death.

Religion and Donation

Most religions support and consider donation as an act of charity. It is a way to affirm a deceased person's generosity and goodness. If you have any questions about the beliefs of your religion, you should discuss them with your spiritual leader.

No Cost to Families

Donation is a wonderful gift. The family should never be charged for anything related to donation. If you receive a bill from a hospital or funeral home that you believe includes donation costs, please contact us.

The Decision is Yours

Hospitals are required to offer the option of donation to families. Please take the time to think about your options. If needed, talk with your family so you are comfortable and make the decision that is right for you. Regardless of your decision, we will honor your wishes with utmost respect and help you in any way we can.

The only gift is a portion of thyself.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



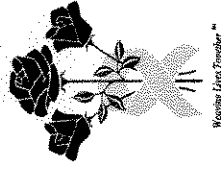
A Gift of Life

A guide for families considering tissue donation

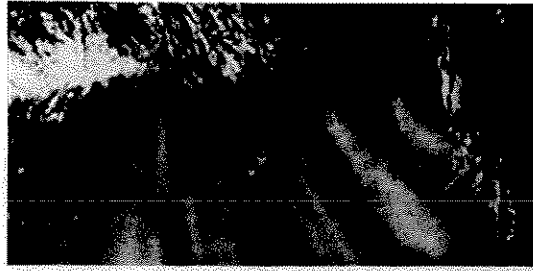
When You Have Questions You Want Answered Now

Please call us if you have any questions. We have knowledgeable and compassionate staff available at all times to assist you with your decision.

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Introduction

This brochure is designed to answer your questions about tissue donation and help guide you while you make this important decision.

Donation is a private choice that only you can make. We want you to feel comfortable with your decision, and we will support and respect your choice.

A Donor Coordinator will always be available for you to call on if you have any questions. They will do whatever they can to help you make a decision that is right for you.

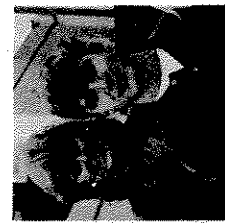
*To leave the world a bit better,
whether by a healthy child, a
garden patch or a redeemed
social condition,
to know even one life has
breathed easier because
you have lived.*

This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

*While there is no cure
for grief, you have the opportunity to look beyond
loss and give.*

A donor family's story

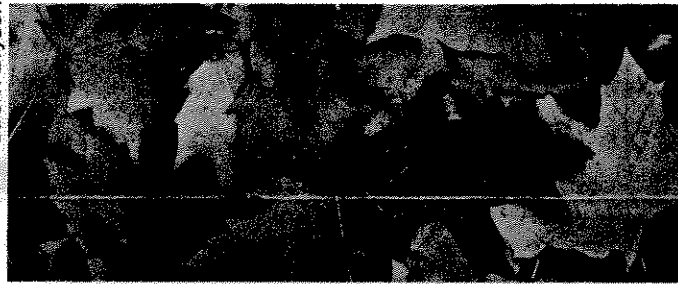


Martha and
Strom Bryson

Martha Bryson, like so many others, faced the decision of donation at the most difficult time of her life. She lost her son, Strom, in a car

accident. Her decision to donate reflected the life of her son, who was a generous and loving person. She believed her son would have wanted to help others and thought that the donation of his organs and tissues might bring something good from this tragedy. As a result of Martha's decision, six lives were saved, and many others were able to lead fuller lives after receiving needed tissue transplants. Martha chose life, and her decision made a very positive difference for many people. Martha is convinced she made the right decision. In her own words:

"Donation does not just help the recipient, it helps us to let our memories of our loved ones live on, and let others know how special they were, and still are, to us."

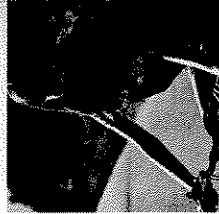


Tissue transplantation gives recipients a chance to lead normal, productive lives.

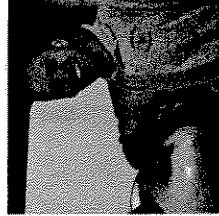
Who receives tissue

Tissue donation is life-enhancing and, in some cases, life-saving. The gift from a single donor can touch the lives of 100 or more people. Skin transplants can save lives in severe burn cases. Bone and soft tissue transplants help repair defects, eliminate or reduce pain, and promote faster healing. One person's gift can be a miracle for many.

Sarah Jobe suffered from curvature of the spine (scoliosis) and could not participate in many youth activities. Bone chips were used in surgery to help restore her spine to normal. She is now pain-free and fully active.



Sarah
Jobe



Trent
Robinson

Trent Robinson was severely burned over most of his body in a helicopter accident. His surgeons attribute donated skin to saving his life. Today, Trent leads a normal life and volunteers his talents as a pilot to help others.

The gift of tissue from a single donor can help as many as 100 or more patients.

Benefits to recipients

HEART (for valves)

Replaces defective valves, improves heart function.

PERICARDIUM (heart covering)

Protects damaged tissues in the body.

SAPHENOUS VEIN

Restores blood flow. Prevents amputation.

SKIN

Promotes healing. Provides a natural barrier to infection for burn victims.

BONE

Prevents amputation. Restores mobility. Promotes healing. Reduces pain. Reduces chance of nerve damage.

FASCIA LATA (muscle lining)

Supports bladder. Restores mobility for orthopaedic patients.

There is no better way to thank God for your sight
than to give a helping hand to those in the dark.

Helen Keller

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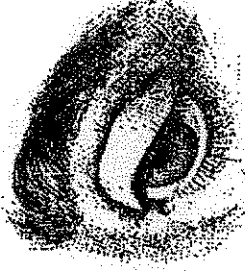
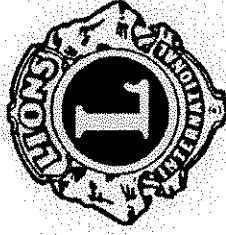
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The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin recovers eye tissue from hospitals in the state of Wisconsin and provides corneas for transplant to ophthalmic surgeons and other eye banks.

Eye, organ, and tissue donation is truly an unselfish gift. By simply signing the back of your license, directly on top of the plastic, you can save lives and improve the quality of life for as many as 50 people.

If tragedy strikes you or someone you love, health care professionals will always try to save your life. Should all efforts fail, you may be eligible to donate your eyes, organs, and other tissues.

With no cost to your loved ones, donation provides hope and help for those in need of life-saving organ transplants and sight restoring corneal transplants.

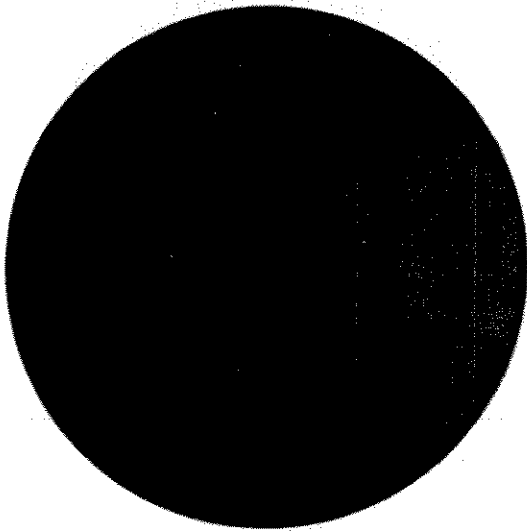
Almost anyone can be considered a potential donor. Your age and past health history should not affect your decision. Most religious faiths support donation and funeral plans should not be interrupted by the donation process.

SHARE YOUR LIFE

Decide to become an eye, organ, and tissue donor
Sign your driver's license

SHARE YOUR DECISION

Tell your family of your wishes



Static cling donor dot decals are available for your car window, sharing with others your support of donation and transplantation.

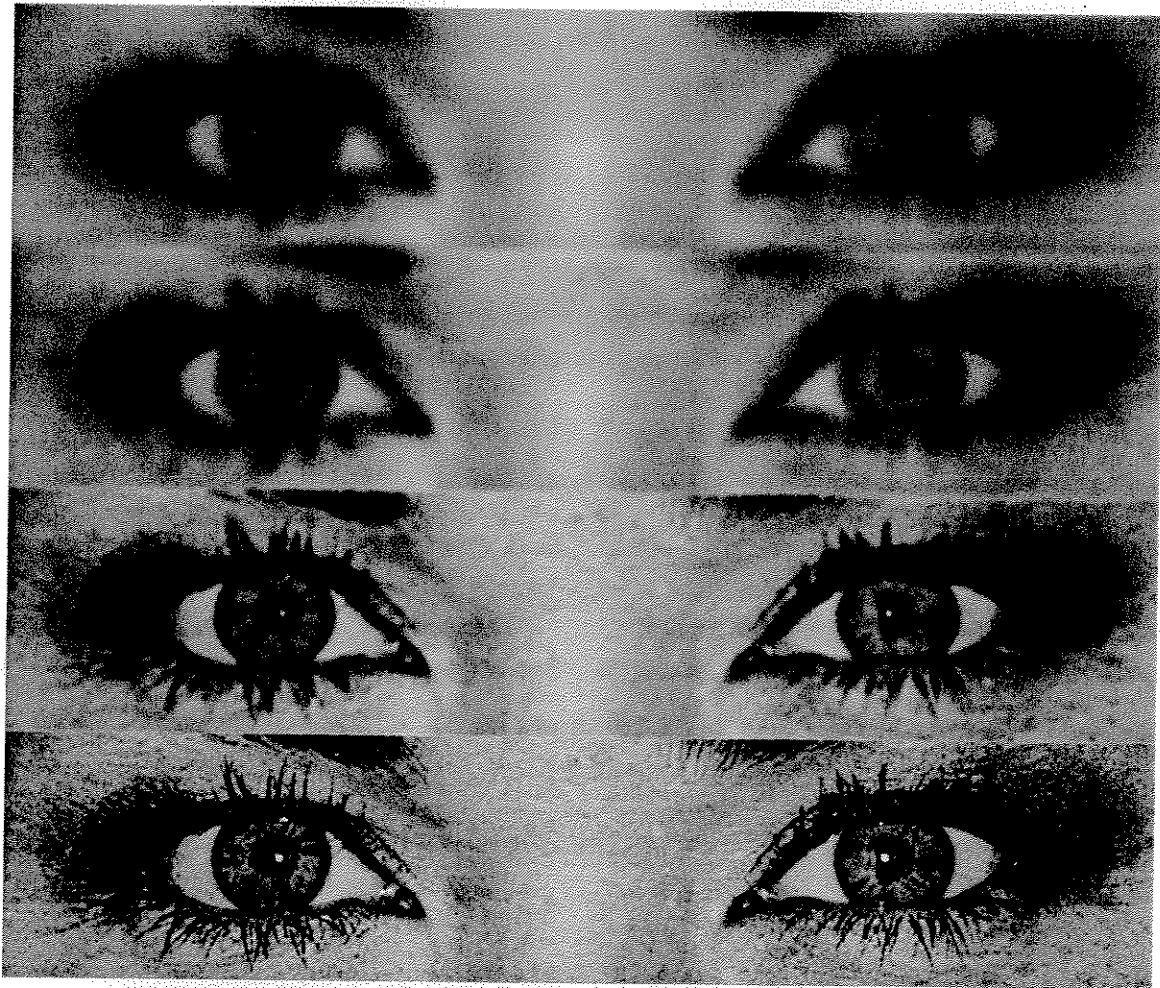
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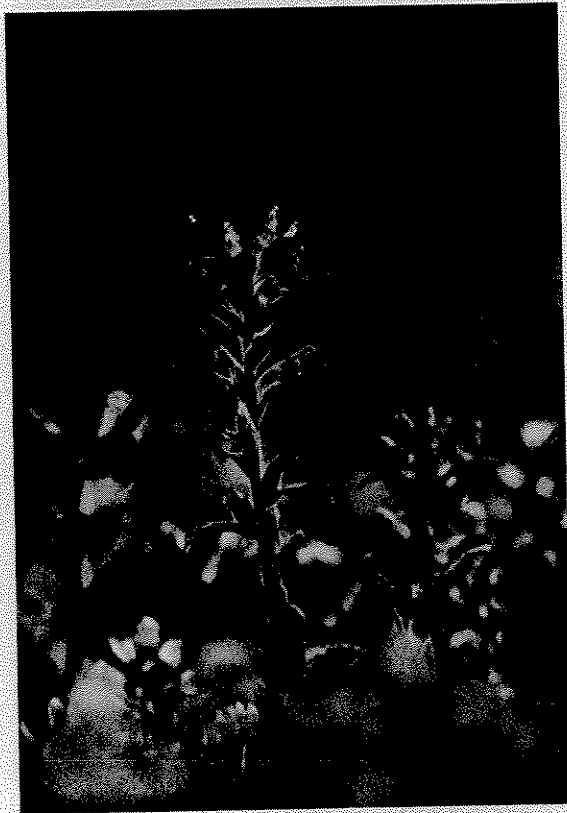
Sticky Donor Dots are also available for your driver's license. Sign the back side of your driver's license and apply a donor dot to show your intent to become a donor.

Bring someone's life into focus...

Give the Gift of Sight



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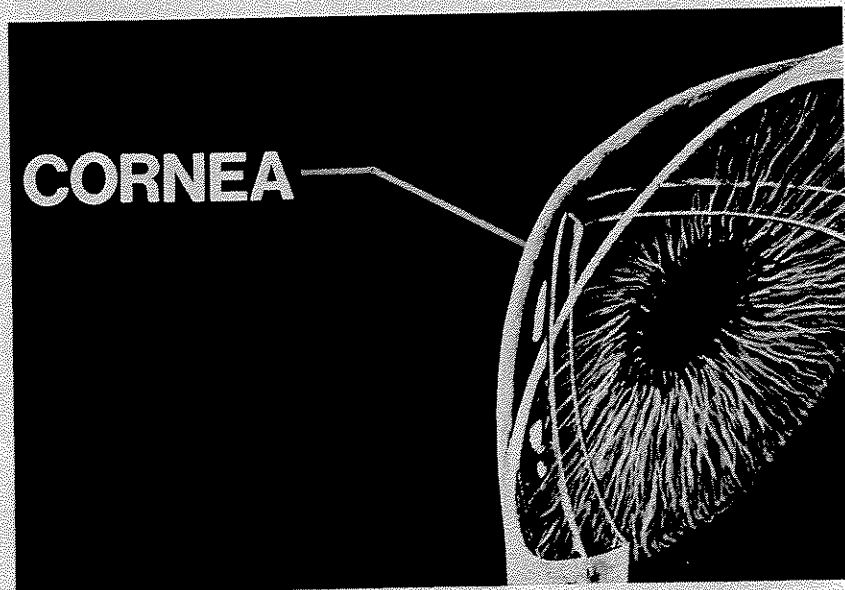
Imagine stepping from darkness into brilliant light, eyes taking in the beauty of sun, sky, and a loved one's face. Words cannot describe the excitement and awe felt by a person whose vision is restored through corneal transplantation.

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, with a state-wide network of caring professionals, volunteers, and hospitals, helps hundreds of people regain their sight each year.

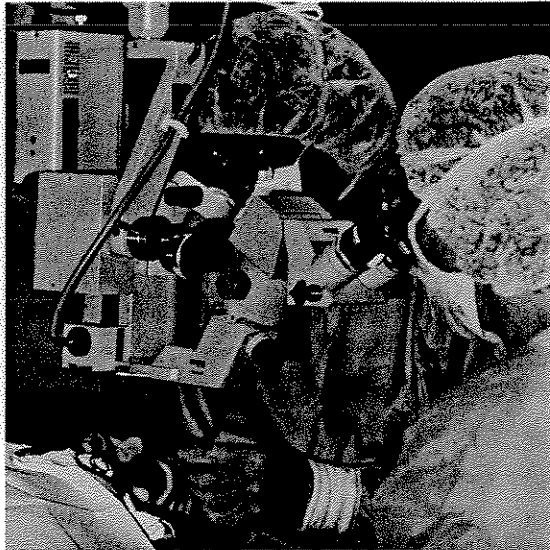
THE OLDEST, MOST SUCCESSFUL TRANSPLANT PROCEDURE

The cornea is the eye's "window", a 1/2-inch wide transparent film of tissue that forms a protective covering for the front of the eye. Clouding, scars, infections or perforation - leading to loss of sight - are the most common reasons for corneal transplantation.

The first successful corneal transplant was performed in 1905. Since then, advances in technology and microsurgical techniques have made it the most frequently performed human transplant procedure. Corneal transplantation has achieved a success rate that exceeds 90% with over 700,000 transplants performed in the United States during the last 40 years. The development of operating microscopes, corneal storage media, new medications, and delicate suture material all contribute to increasing success.



The cornea of the eye is transparent, allowing light and images to pass through. Much like the crystal of a watch face, the cornea protects the eye.

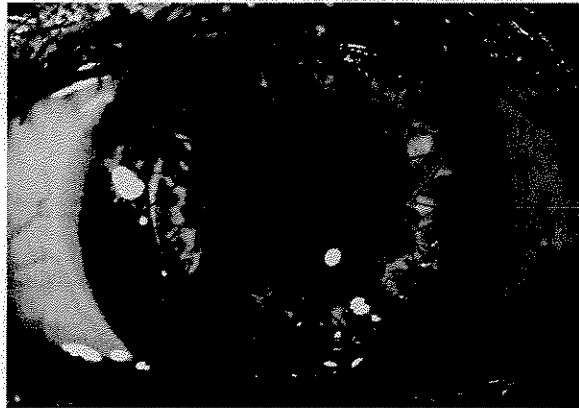


A TRADITION OF SERVICE AND EXCELLENCE

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is an accredited member of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), which accredits and certifies eye banks and their personnel throughout the United States. Member eye banks adhere to strict Medical Standards and ethical criteria. The EBAA trains eye bank technicians and inspects eye banks to assurance adherence to the highest standards of quality and safety.

The surgery, often performed under local anesthesia, involves replacing a damaged or diseased cornea with a healthy donor tissue. Rejection is lower for donor corneas than for organ transplantation, since corneal tissue receives no blood supply and requires no blood type for tissue matching.

Transplant recipients have ranged in age from nine days to 103 years. After the eight to twelve month healing period, recipients are able to resume their daily lives with vastly improved vision and virtually no transplant related restrictions.



<p>CLOUDED CORNEA</p> <p>Clouded cornea obstructs light.</p> <p>When the cornea (the eye's front 'windowpane') becomes cloudy, light cannot penetrate the eye to reach the light-sensitive retina. Poor vision or total blindness may result.</p>	<p>CORNEAL TRANSPLANT</p> <p>1 Cloudy cornea is removed with a cylindrical cutting instrument called a trephine. Same trephine cuts out donor cornea so shapes are identical.</p> <p>2 Clear donor cornea is placed in the opening.</p> <p>3 Donor cornea is sewn in place.</p>	<p>OPTIMAL RESULT</p> <p>Clear cornea admits light.</p> <p>If the graft is successful, light may be focused onto the retina in a normal fashion. Optical signals are channeled to the brain via the optic nerve and sight is restored.</p>
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THE WISCONSIN NETWORK

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, with technicians on duty 24 hours a day seven days a week, educates and serves its donor network of hospitals and individuals.

Hospitals throughout Wisconsin serve as eye recovery locations. The eye bank provides education for hospital professionals as well as coordinating all recovery activity. The eye bank also helps hospitals achieve compliance with state and federal organ and tissue donation laws.

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin certifies medical personnel in the eye recovery procedure. Throughout their efforts, all the participating hospitals and personnel are helping the donor families give the Gift of Sight.

The eye bank is under the direction of a Medical Director who is a trained and experienced corneal ophthalmic surgeon. Corneal surgeons throughout the state perform transplant surgery and all services are oriented towards the needs of the transplant recipient.

A COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

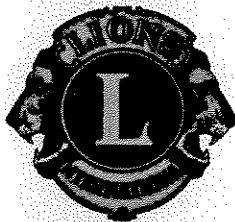
The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin supports the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) and the Medical College of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) by providing donated eyes and ocular tissues for research and educational use. Some eye donations can result in both corneal transplant and research use. Donation of various tissues of the eye enable valuable research into diseases and

conditions resulting in blindness. Other eyes unsuitable for transplant may also be used for research and education.

Ophthalmology residents and fellows, medical students, and established surgeons all develop their surgical experience with donated eyes.

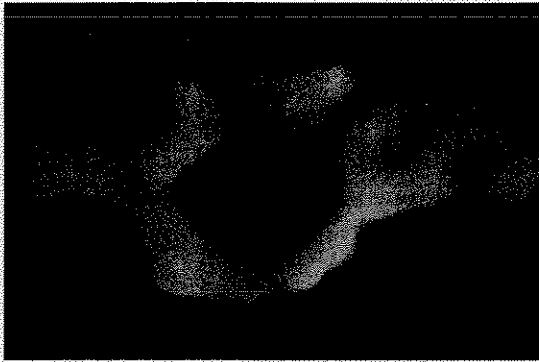
By supporting these researchers and educators, the eye bank enables valuable efforts to prevent and treat the leading causes of blindness in the United States including glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration. The donation of eyes that are normal and with disease will enable new cures, treatments, and prevention methods to be discovered and developed.

LIONS SERVICE

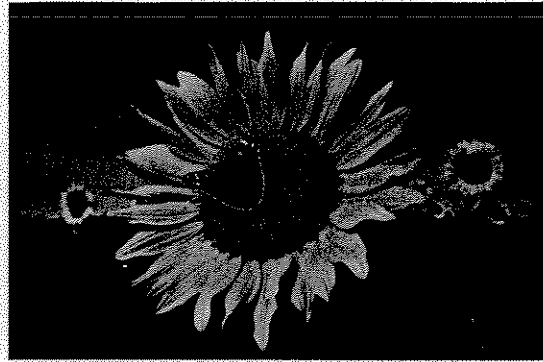


Lions Clubs and members throughout Wisconsin provide valuable financial and volunteer services to the eye bank. In 1925, Helen Keller spoke to

the International Lions Convention and challenged them to become her "Knights of the Blind". With that motivation, Lions have served for many years helping people with blindness and seeking means for vision restoration. With more than 600 clubs and 22,000 members in the state, Lions provide an important community link helping the eye bank in all efforts. Lions Eye Transporters throughout the state have developed a relay system of drivers capable of transporting donated eyes to the eye bank laboratory and preserved corneas to the transplant surgeons. These efforts insure the safe and prompt delivery of corneas for transplant surgery.



Before Corneal Transplant



After Corneal Transplant

"Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?"

Henry David Thoreau

"We loved her very, very much, but God loved and wanted her more. Now she's home in heaven."

Mother of Kristina Marty
Eye Donor
Marshfield, Wisconsin

"My hope is others might understand what you and your relatives understood - that a donation of eyes can help repair poor vision and prevent blindness."

Terry Rindfleisch
Cornea Transplant Recipient
La Crosse, Wisconsin

"Gerald was a very loving, kind human being. His love for his fellow man was very great and his love of God set an example for all. As his death was unexpected, he would have been the first to say, "Give my eyes, so someone else can see God's beauty." He was deeply loved and is sadly missed."

Nancy L. Kroll, Wife of Gerald E. Kroll
Eye Donor
Plover, Wisconsin

"This transplant has changed me. Every day in my life will be better because of the gift I have received from your family. Please know that I will never take for granted a single sight and will try to live each day to the fullest not only for myself but also for you. You will remain in heart and in my thoughts and prayers forever."

Lisa Hansen
Cornea Transplant Recipient
Spencer, Wisconsin

"There is no better way to thank God for your vision than to give a helping hand to those in the dark."

Helen Keller

EYE DONATION MEETING THE NEED

The eye bank accepts most eyes from donors with a wide variety of ages. Age limits and other suitability criteria change periodically. Thus, all people are encouraged to decide to become a donor and leave the suitability decisions to the time of their death - hopefully many years from now. Eyes unsuitable for transplant use, such as those with eye disease, are still vital for research and teaching. Vision is not necessarily important as the clarity of the cornea is the critical determinant in successful transplant.

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin is meeting the needs of patients in Wisconsin; however, hundreds require transplants each year and the number is increasing as the population ages.

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin remains committed to people - those whose sight can be restored through corneal transplant and those who will one day benefit from today's intensive research.

To learn more about the eye bank, contact the office: Toll-free Phone 877-233-2354
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Eye donations are key to the continued success of eye banking in Wisconsin. Decide to become a donor and indicate your wishes by signing the back of your Driver's License. Share that decision with your family enabling them to honor your wishes.

**SHARE YOUR LIFE
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