



Fact Sheet

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<p>As of July 1, 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 99,080 candidates are registered on the national organ waiting list ▪ 1,950 are children under the age of 18 ▪ 20% - one in 5 people on the list - are Californians ▪ Locally 1,362 people need a donated organ to survive ▪ 90 people died waiting here last year - down from 101 in 2006 & 129 in 2005 ▪ During 2007, Lifesharing saved 286 lives through organ transplant ▪ Conservatively more than 25,000 people were helped by Lifesharing tissue donations ▪ Every 13 minutes a new name is added to the national list ▪ Today 74 transplant surgeries will be performed giving people a second chance at life ▪ Tragically 18 people will die waiting today in the United States ▪ One organ donor can save the lives of up to 8 people; a tissue donor can enhance the lives of 50 people with gifts that can include skin for burn survivors; corneas that give sight to two people; and bone, heart valves; veins; ligaments; and nerves.
<p>Official ways to sign up to be a donor in California</p>	<p>A pink donor dot on TOP of the plastic on your driver license is NOT registered. To be a registered donor, the pink dot must be UNDER the plastic.</p> <p>There are two ways to sign up to be an organ & tissue donor in California:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the Department of Motor Vehicles when you apply for a driver license or identification card 2. Online at www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org
<p>About Lifesharing</p>	<p>Lifesharing, a division of UCSD Medical Center, is the non-profit, federally-designated organ and tissue recovery organization serving San Diego & Imperial Counties.</p>
<p>Current # of Donors</p>	<p>As of Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 6:50 AM PST: The total # of people on the Donate Life California Registry: 3,446,625</p>
<p>For more information about donation</p>	<p>Visit www.lifesharing.org Email info@lifesharing.org Call 619-521-1983</p>