



## NATIONAL MINORITY DONOR AWARENESS DAY FACT SHEET: MULTICULTURAL STATISTICS

### DESCRIPTION:

National Minority Donor Awareness Day, celebrated annually on August 1, is a nationwide observance to educate minorities of the desperate need for donation and transplantation within the multicultural community how to designate their decision to **Donate Life<sup>SM</sup>**. Approximately 53% of those on the national waiting list are minorities. In 2007, 10,752 minority individuals received an organ transplant. There were 2,669 minority deceased donors and 1,851 living donors.

### DATE:

August 1, 2008

**STATISTICS:** *Minorities are in desperate need of Minority organ and tissue donors.*

- There are more than 50,000 minority individuals registered on the U.S. transplant waiting list.
- Minorities make up 20% of the U.S. population and comprise 53% of individuals on the national organ transplant waiting list. They represent 26% of living and deceased organ donors.
- Anyone can be a potential donor, regardless of age or medical history. A single donor can save or improve the lives of more than 50 people. To learn more and find out how to be a donor in your state, go to [www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net).
- Every major religion in the United States supports organ, eye and tissue donation as one of the highest expressions of compassion and generosity.
- There is no cost to the donors family or estate
- An open casket funeral is possible for organ, eye and tissue donors.

### DONATE LIFE AMERICA:

Founded in 1992, Donate Life America's mission is to serve as a national voice and inspire all people to save and enhance lives through organ, eye and tissue donation.

**WEBSITE:** [www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net)

**San Diego & Imperial counties:**  
[www.lifesharing.org](http://www.lifesharing.org)

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