ORGAN DONATION

Organ transplantation is one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of medicine. In most cases, it's the only hope for thousands of people suffering from organ failure or in desperate need of corneas, skin, bone or other tissue.

Tragically, the need for donated organs and tissues continues to outpace the supply. Right now, thousands of Americans could be helped if enough organs and tissues were available. Organ and tissue donation provides each of us with a special opportunity to help others.

You can save lives by making the decision to be an organ and tissue donor.

When you apply for a driver's license, learner's permit or photo ID card, you will be asked if you wish to become an organ donor. If you decide to become a donor, your choice will be noted on the front of your driver's license or photo ID card.

If you wish to change your organ donor status later, go to <u>Donate Life Virginia</u>. To change the status on your credential, apply for a replacement <u>driver's license</u> or <u>ID card</u>. You may complete this transaction online or you may make the change as part of your next <u>driver's license</u> or <u>ID card</u> renewal.

The decision to become an organ/tissue donor is yours. Your decision will not affect your driving privileges.

By saying "Yes" to organ donation, you could save or improve the quality of life for more than 50 others who suffer from organ failure, bone defects, burns or blindness. Once you have made your decision, share it with your family.