
STATISTICS ABOUT ORGAN DONATION

- **80,686 people in the US on the waiting list as of January 2003**
- **1,557 Tennesseans on the waiting list as of June 2002**
- **Over 1,000 people are added to the national waiting list each month**
- **24,076 organ transplants were performed in the US in 2001**
- **16 people die every day waiting for a life-saving organ transplant**
- **In 2001, 108 Tennesseans died while waiting**
- **In 2001, 5,683 patients in the US died while waiting**
- **Tennessee had 160 organ donors in 2001**
- **528 patients were transplanted in Tennessee in 2000**

FACTS ABOUT TISSUE DONATION

- **Over 600,000 people benefit each year from life-enhancing tissue transplants**
- **Over 45,000 have better vision each year through corneal transplants**

FACTS ABOUT ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION

- **Your eligibility as a donor will be evaluated by trained medical personnel at time of death**
- **No cost to donate**
- **Most major religions support donation**
- **Will not affect medical care**
- **Normal funeral arrangements**
- **To be a donor, discuss your wishes with family and sign your driver's license or donor card**