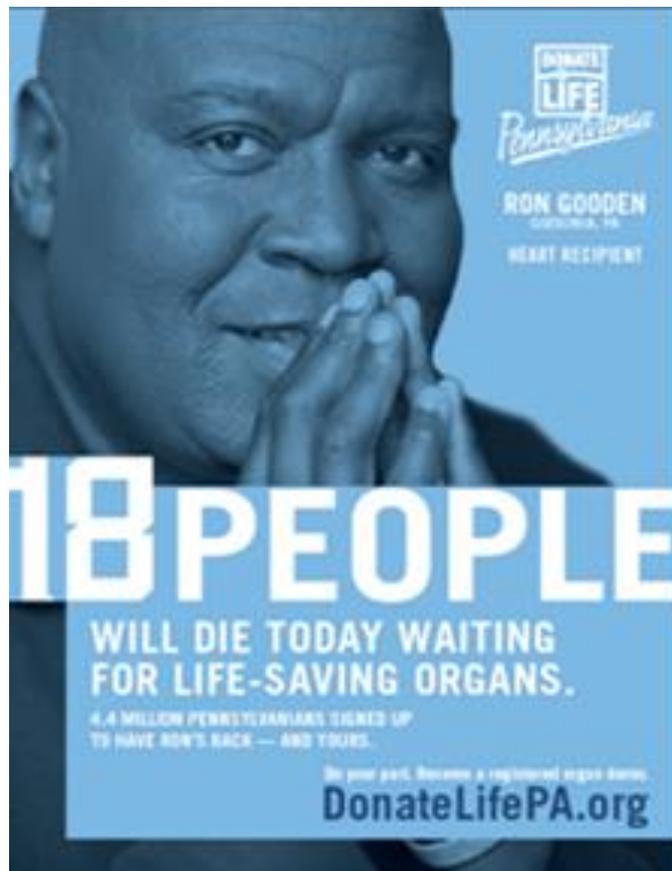


# Organ Donation Advisory Committee 2014 Annual Report



## Message from the Committee Chair...

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Pennsylvania's Organ Donation Advisory Committee (Committee) was created 20 years ago by Act 102 of 1994 to save lives. Our work remains important because today, 20 years later, too many Pennsylvanians continue to die while waiting for a life-saving transplant. Each day, an average of 79 people receive a life-saving or life-enhancing organ transplant, yet 18 people die each day in the U.S. because a suitable match is not found in time.

With your help, we can change those statistics. [The Donate Life PA Act](#) is legislation that will be reintroduced in 2015 and will not only help save lives by increasing and enhancing public education about organ and tissue donation, but will update those provisions of Pa. law to be consistent with the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act of 2006, which has been enacted in 46 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. The bill will increase educational opportunities for Pennsylvanians from secondary schools on up to post-secondary schools, nursing schools, and medical schools. Furthermore, as stats have shown, this in turn can increase donor designations with Pennsylvanians making an educated decision to give the gift of life. The bill protects the health and safety of the citizens by addressing the gaps in current legislation concerning anatomical donations and referral to organ procurement organizations. When donation is possible, it is well-validated that the opportunity to give life after tragic death can mitigate the grief of loved ones. When considering this legislation, remember that there are more than 8,500 Pennsylvanians waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, and the next person added to the waiting list could be you or someone you know and love.

I am honored to chair this committee comprised of passionate and compassionate individuals dedicated to saving lives, and, for some, repaying their gift of life or the comfort they received when a loved one died and was able to donate. The committee appreciates your support, as well as that of the administration and the departments of Health, Transportation, and Education in helping us achieve our mission of saving lives.

Sincerely,

Cheri L. Rinehart

Chair, Organ Donation Advisory Committee

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Thousands die every year waiting for a donated organ that never comes.

End the wait and sign up today at [Donate Life PA](#)

## Future Business Leaders of America and Donate Life PA

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is an organization that helps students develop leadership abilities and prepare for entry into, and advancement within, a business or business-related occupation. FBLA members learn how to engage in business enterprise, how to direct the affairs of a group, and how to compete honorably in competitive events. These activities help prepare students to be better employees and better citizens. However, FBLA also gives back to the community. In particular, Pennsylvania FBLA each year selects a non-profit service organization to support as the state project. The selection of the state project is a difficult task because of the numerous worthy organizations that are submitted as proposals.



Colleen Sullivan (Center for Organ Recovery and Education), Dwendy Johnson (Gift of Life Donor Program) and Tony Forte (transplant candidate featured in "30 Seconds" campaign) accept the check from the PA FBLA.

The Hazleton Area FBLA chapter submitted a proposal for a special organization, Donate Life PA, because of a tragedy that affected the Hazleton Area High School in 2009. A car accident took the lives of two juniors and left the family, friends, and all members of the community shocked and heartbroken. However, one of the victims of the accident happened to be an organ donor, and out of his sufferings came inspiration. Through the Donate Life PA organization, he was able to save countless lives and will be remembered by all as a hero. This specific occurrence led to other stories of Hazleton Area students who chose to donate life too. These encouraging accounts led the Hazleton Area FBLA Chapter to choose Donate Life Pennsylvania as a 2013-2014 state project proposal.

The Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America state officer team selected Donate Life Pennsylvania and partnered with them to raise awareness, increase funds, and provide service. This past year, the over 13,000 Pennsylvania FBLA members took on the challenge of "Saving Lives 30 Seconds at a Time" by setting a goal to raise \$30,000 and complete community service hours. Every school in PA FBLA took part in these challenges by organizing various fundraising events and by volunteering service.

One chapter, Jersey Shore FBLA, held a school assembly to promote Donate Life PA. There were several guest speakers discussing organ donation awareness. Ms. Wendy Johnson, Gift of Life Community Relations Coordinator, spoke and brought a quilt containing patches by donor families. This quilt is a representative of the network that organ donation creates. In addition, Jersey Shore FBLA members walked in their Homecoming parade and passed out Donate Life PA flyers. Bellefonte FBLA held a volleyball tournament and "jar wars," in which homerooms battled to collect the most money to support Donate Life PA. Stroudsburg FBLA held various fundraisers, such as a dodge ball tournament, Christmas wreath sale, candy sale, and school dress down day. They also held organ donor signups at basketball games.



Dwendy Johnson, Gift of Life Donor Program, sharing a donation quilt with the students from the Jersey Shore FBLA.

The North Penn FBLA chapter provided a dinner meal for the residents of the Gift of Life Family House located in Philadelphia, Pa. Gift of Life Family House provides a "home away from home" for transplant patients and their families where groups come in and prepare hot, home-cooked free meals for the residents. North Penn FBLA students planned the menu, made a grocery list, and purchased the items needed to cook the meal. FBLA members enjoyed giving back and preparing this meal for the residents of the Gift of Life Family House.

These were just some of the examples of how students help set a shining example to all of their peers. PA FBLA certainly exceeded its goal by raising a total of \$41,108.50 for Donate Life Pennsylvania and completing 24,800 hours of community service. All of the commitment and hard work to Donate Life PA truly made a difference, and PA FBLA was proud to team up with this truly amazing organization.

**Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and  
Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund  
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014**

<b>Beginning Balance</b> .....	<b>\$2,375,574</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Driver's License Applications.....	310,808
Vehicle Registrations.....	558,208
Private Donations.....	777
State Income Tax Contributions.....	21,676
Interest.....	<u>5,218</u>
Total Revenue.....	896,687
<b>Total Funds Available</b> .....	<b>\$3,272,261</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Grants to OPOs.....	(1,014,562)
Voluntary Benefits Program Reimbursement...	(11,280)
Grief Counseling Program.....	(2,975)
Advisory Committee.....	(1,745)
Personnel/Operating.....	(89,021)
Department of Education.....	<u>(305,297)</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....	<b>(\$1,424,879)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b> .....	<b>\$ 1,847,382</b>

**Pennsylvania Department of Education**

Recipients of the Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness (OTDA) mini-grants:

Dallas Area School District	\$2,000.00
Dallastown Area High School	\$4,500.00
Hazleton Area School District	\$4,996.75
Pine Grove Area High School	\$4,500.00
Saint Clair Area School District	\$4,500.00
Twin Valley School District	\$4,650.00
Valley View High School	\$2,566.00

Some of the activities completed by the mini-grant recipients included:

- School-wide awareness presentations;
- Presence at a community fall festival and homecoming;
- PSA announcements in schools throughout the month of April;
- Guest speakers from both organ procurement organizations (OPOs); and
- Creation of videos, power points, posters, t-shirts, games, bulletin boards, and pamphlets as part of the tools used to spread the word about organ and tissue donation throughout their schools.

Field trips to the OPOs, tissue banks, and the Da Vinci Science Center, as well as the purchase of several books for English classes, i.e. “My Sister’s Keeper” and “The Nicholas Effect,” were made possible through the mini-grant funding and enhanced the curriculum. Some schools participated in fundraising activities in memoriam for students who were donors in their particular districts and for the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund, while others raised money and participated in Gift of Life’s 5K Donor DASH. In total, over 3,000 students received information regarding organ and tissue donation awareness. In 11 years of the OTDA Project, more than \$208,033 has been awarded to schools across Pennsylvania, 30 in the Center for Organ Recovery and Education (CORE) Region and 46 in the Gift of Life Donor Program (GOL) Region. More than 58,000 students have been impacted by the creative and diligent work of teachers in anatomy and physiology, biology, drivers education, industrial arts, English, art, health and physical education, social studies, family and consumer sciences, mathematics, and other study areas.

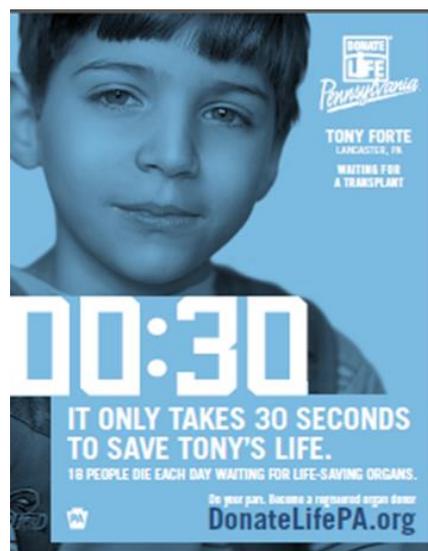
## **Department of Health Compliance Report**

### Acute Care Hospitals

- As part of licensure and complaint surveys, the Department of Health Bureau of Facility Licensure and Certification, Division of Acute and Ambulatory Care assesses Pennsylvania hospitals’ compliance with the provisions of the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.
- During State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013-14, 63 licensure surveys were completed. No facility cited for failure to comply with the federal requirements related to organ procurement.
- No fines or licensure actions related to Act 102 have been imposed up to the present time.

### Transplant Hospitals

- In 2007, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) required that all current Medicare-approved organ transplant centers request certification to assess compliance with the federal Conditions of Participation for transplant hospitals.
- In May 2013, transplant survey activities were transitioned to a CMS contractor.



# Pennsylvania Organ Procurement Organization Update

## July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

### CENTER FOR ORGAN RECOVERY & EDUCATION (CORE)

**Pennsylvania counties served:**

Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Bradford, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland

**Pennsylvania population served:** 4.2 million

**Pennsylvania organ transplant centers served:**

Allegheny General Hospital, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh UPMC, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian, and Veterans Administration Pittsburgh Healthcare System

**Pennsylvania tissue procurement providers within CORE’s service area:**

Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE)

**Pennsylvania eye procurement providers within CORE’s service area:**

Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) and Lions Eye Bank of Northwestern Pennsylvania

**ORGAN DONATION**

Total number of referrals.....	5,596
Total number of potential donors.....	421
Total number of donors recovered.....	190
Total number of organs recovered.....	685
Total number of organs transplanted.....	533
Total number of organs provided for research.....	20

**TISSUE DONATION**

Total number of referrals.....	23,598
Total number of potential donors.....	2,682
Total number of donors recovered.....	1,057
Total number of tissue grafts produced.....	26,425

**EYE DONATION**

Total number of referrals.....	23,598
Total number of potential donors.....	2,928
Total number of donors recovered.....	652
Total number of eye tissue procured.....	1,269
Total number of eye tissue transplanted.....	867
Total number of eye tissue provided for research.....	71

**County Ranking by Participation in Organ Donor Designation on Driver Licenses and Identification Cards**

### GIFT OF LIFE DONOR PROGRAM (GLDP)

**Pennsylvania counties served:**

Adams, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming, and York

**Pennsylvania population served:** 7.8 million

**Pennsylvania organ transplant centers served:**

Albert Einstein Medical Center, Hahnemann University Hospital, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Geisinger Medical Center, Geisinger Wyoming Valley, The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg Hospital, St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, Temple University Hospital, Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, The Lankenau Hospital, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Crozer Chester Medical Center, and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

**Pennsylvania tissue procurement providers within GLDP’s service area:**

Gift of Life Donor Program, CryoLife, Inc., LifeNet Transplant Services, Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, and National Disease Research Interchange

**Pennsylvania eye procurement providers within GLDP’s service area:**

Gift of Life Donor Program, Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley, and Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank

**ORGAN DONATION**

Total number of referrals.....	4,538
Total number of potential donors.....	567
Total number of donors recovered.....	457
Total number of organs recovered.....	1,608
Total number of organs transplanted.....	1,195
Total number of organs provided for research.....	313

**TISSUE DONATION**

Total number of referrals.....	33,213
Total number of potential donors.....	5,274
Total number of donors recovered.....	1,286
Total number of tissue grafts produced.....	50,154

**EYE DONATION**

Total number of referrals.....	33,213
Total number of potential donors.....	6,823
Total number of donors recovered.....	2,231
Total number of eye tissue procured.....	4,462
Total number of eye tissue transplanted.....	3,564
Total number of eye tissue provided for research.....	577

Rank	County	Total Licenses, ID Cards and Permits	Organ Donor Designation	%
1	Centre	93,593	52,775	56.39%
2	Chester	383,317	214,131	55.86%
3	Warren	31,539	16,928	53.67%
4	Cumberland	197,466	105,116	53.23%
5	York	350,223	184,096	52.57%
6	Montgomery	655,545	338,559	51.65%
7	Susquehanna	31,949	16,490	51.61%
8	Wayne	44,666	22,911	51.29%
9	Cameron	4,062	2,071	50.98%
10	Butler	151,393	76,830	50.75%
11	Erie	210,061	106,395	50.65%
12	Bucks	516,362	261,475	50.64%
13	Adams	78,454	39,643	50.53%
14	McKean	32,218	24,358	50.21%
15	Lancaster	400,453	200,983	50.19%
16	Bradford	48,502	24,341	50.19%
17	Montour	14,829	7,379	49.76%
18	Elk	26,510	13,091	49.38%
19	Lackawanna	164,814	80,355	48.75%
20	Union	29,207	14,245	48.67%
21	Blair	99,154	48,217	48.63%
22	Lycoming	90,167	43,644	48.40%
23	Dauphin	215,209	103,474	48.08%
24	Allegheny	965,751	462,124	47.85%
25	Wyoming	23,702	11,315	47.74%
26	Clinton	26,723	12,730	47.64%
27	Clearfield	60,965	28,970	47.52%
28	Franklin	114,617	54,455	47.51%
29	Lehigh	267,997	127,113	47.43%
30	Tioga	33,231	15,694	47.23%
31	Crawford	67,712	31,920	47.14%
32	Northampton	255,184	119,553	46.85%
33	Lebanon	108,589	50,855	46.83%
34	Pike	45,785	21,349	46.63%

Rank	County	Total Licenses, ID Cards and Permits	Organ Donor Designation	%
35	Perry	37,364	17,375	46.50%
36	Venango	41,242	19,175	46.49%
37	Mifflin	32,636	15,132	46.37%
38	Sullivan	4,992	2,310	46.27%
39	Huntingdon	33,711	15,555	46.14%
40	Columbia	50,202	22,944	45.70%
41	Delaware	438,311	200,057	45.64%
42	Cambria	110,044	50,184	45.60%
43	Beaver	134,967	60,831	45.07%
44	Forest	4,420	1,986	44.93%
45	Mercer	88,327	36,659	44.90%
46	Potter	13,568	6,065	44.70%
47	Washington	171,176	76,498	44.69%
48	Westmoreland	286,315	127,306	44.46%
49	Berks	319,959	141,407	44.20%
50	Somerset	59,975	26,435	44.08%
51	Jefferson	36,049	15,825	43.90%
52	Carbon	52,058	22,644	43.50%
53	Snyder	29,177	12,686	43.48%
54	Schuylkill	113,747	49,321	43.36%
55	Lawrence	74,168	32,098	42.88%
56	Monroe	134,523	57,124	42.46%
57	Northumberland	71,468	30,345	42.46%
58	Indiana	62,243	26,418	42.44%
59	Juniata	17,526	7,412	42.29%
60	Armstrong	58,911	24,849	42.18%
61	Luzerne	251,560	105,647	42.00%
62	Bedford	40,000	16,758	41.90%
63	Clarion	28,533	11,850	41.53%
64	Fulton	11,926	4,600	38.57%
65	Greene	28,238	10,747	38.06%
66	Fayette	114,244	42,075	36.83%
67	Philadelphia	1,095,715	336,329	30.69%
TOTAL		9,887,307	4,555,051	46.07%

Source: Pa. Department of Transportation, June 2014