



# 2016 Annual Report

Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee

## Missouri Organ and Tissue Donation



*Missouri*

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## Organ and Tissue Donor Program

### VISION

Healthy Missourians for Life

### MISSION

Available organs and tissues through informed citizens and an efficient, confidential registry of potential donors.

# Donate Life

Missouri Organ and Tissue Donation  
2016 Annual Report





*Debra Simaitis*

## From the CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee, I have the pleasure of presenting our 2016 Annual Report.

In 1996, the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee (GODAC) was established as an advisory committee for the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Over the past two decades we have worked alongside our partners, Midwest Transplant Network, Mid-America Transplant, Saving Sight, Gift of Life and Missouri Kidney Program and have witnessed a dramatic increase in organ, eye and tissue donations and donor designations. As we celebrate our 20th year, we are guided by our strategic plan, "Saving and Enhancing Lives," and our shared commitment to bring organ, eye and tissue donation awareness to Missourians.

Our committee is pleased to welcome two new members. Michala Stoker, Director of Partner Relations with Saving Sight and T'Shon Young, Community Outreach Team Lead with Mid-America Transplant. Both Ms. Stoker and Ms. Young have been involved with GODAC for many years and can now share their expertise as voting members.

During fiscal year 2016 our committee met five times, sub-committees were established and new projects were developed. When we realized the general public had little knowledge of our committee or its purpose, a sub-committee began developing a GODAC brochure, which will introduce our committee and our partners while providing contact information and links to state resources. Work has also begun on a Globe Bookmark,

which will describe the "Donate Life Globe," explain its history and what it represents. Our committee will make recommendations for both projects to DHSS for their approval.

We are fortunate to partner with Gift of Life, whose Life Savers<sup>SM</sup> program has been very successful in many Kansas City area high schools. A GODAC sub-committee was formed to work with Gift of Life and DESE on a plan to reach more Missouri high school students with a message about organ, eye and tissue donation.

We want to thank Gov. Nixon for once again designating April as Donate Life Month in Missouri. "Capitol Day," previously known as "Rotunda Day," was special this year because we invited organ donor families to participate in our first "Donor Family Recognition Ceremony." We were honored to have two special legislators attend our ceremony. Rep. Rob Vescovo spoke to the families about how his life was changed for the better when his father received a heart from a generous donor. Sen. Mike Parson listened as each family talked about their loved one's decision to be an organ donor and then devoted his weekly column to organ donation. That column, titled "Heroes," can be found in this report. Sen. Parson was also kind enough to meet the families in his office and introduce them, along with GODAC members and partners, to the Missouri State Senate.

In 2011, a new "check-off" on the Missouri State Income Tax form was created allowing Missourians to donate to the Missouri Organ Donor Program Fund. Because this "check-off" was given a sunset date of December 2017, we were grateful when Sen. Mike Parson and Rep. Warren Love each drafted a bill that would eliminate the sunset date. SB738 and HB1673 did not pass during the last session, but our committee will ask that new bills, eliminating the sunset date, be pre-filed again in December 2016.

As the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee enters a new decade of service, I reflect on our past and am proud of our progress. Our successes were made possible due to the dedication of our committee members and partners. As I look toward our future, I am optimistic about bringing donation awareness to a new generation, continuing the Organ Donor Program Fund "check-off" for many years to come and remaining focused on our vision, "Healthy Missourians for Life."



Peter Lyskowski

## From the DIRECTOR

### Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

I am pleased to show my support for the Governor’s Organ Donation Advisory Committee (GODAC), which shares our vision “Healthy Missourians for Life.” Through the efforts of the GODAC and its chairperson, Debra Simaitis, the vision becomes a reality as hundreds of Missourians begin anew each year.

I am grateful for the continuing service of all GODAC members, who welcomed two new members. T’Shon Young is a Community Outreach Coordinator with Mid-America Transplant. She oversees their education program and volunteer recruitment and engagement. Michala Stoker is the Director of Partner Relations at Saving Sight. She has directed efforts to grow relationships with hospitals, medical examiners and coroners, funeral home directors and organ procurement organizations to help donors give the gift of sight.

GODAC is a group of individuals passionate about informing the public about organ, eye and tissue donation and encouraging enrollment in the state’s registry. I am proud to present their report to you.

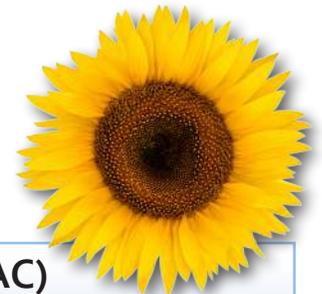
In the feature story on page 13, we learn about a gentleman who was on the list for a “perfect set of lungs.” When his condition deteriorated, he asked to be placed on the “any lung” list and one week later an organ became available.

Income from the Missouri Income Tax Check-off and Unclaimed Property continues to benefit the program, providing important resources to inform and encourage enrollment in the registry across all age groups.

Missouri registrants climbed to more than 3.5 million with the 25-34 age group claiming the largest number registered, 711,464. The 18-24 age group has the second largest number registered, 672,963. This says a lot about the next generation and the hope shared by many Missourians to help those in need of donation.

I encourage GODAC and partners to continue the work they have started with informing the public about their committee, the Donate Life Globe and the high school education expansion project. As residents of this state, I encourage each of you to learn about organ, eye and tissue donation, make a decision, record your decision and inform your family of your decision. Through the efforts of the department, GODAC, partners and you, we can make a difference in the lives of others every day.

“The only gift is a portion of thyself.”  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



## Governor’s Organ Donation Advisory Committee (GODAC)

### Donor or Recipient Family Representatives

- Debra Simaitis, donor family
- Harry K. Ratliff, recipient family
- Phil Duncan, heart recipient
- Peter Nicastro, double lung and kidney recipient

### Hospital Representative

- Joan Keiser, Chaplain, Mercy Rehab Hospital Springfield

### Procurement Agency Representatives

- Jan Finn, Midwest Transplant Network
- Heidi Kranz, Midwest Transplant Network
- Michala Stoker, Saving Sight
- T’Shon Young, Mid-America Transplant

### Department of Health and Senior Services Representative

- Virginia Beatty, Organ and Tissue Donor Program

# 2016 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

NEW



*T'Shon Young*

**T'Shon Young** was appointed to the committee on January 4, 2016, representing the organ procurement organization, Mid-America Transplant in St. Louis. Young has worked for Mid-America Transplant since January of 2011 as the Community Outreach Team Lead. In her role, she oversees the development and delivery of their donation awareness education program for high school and post-secondary students in the area. She also oversees the recruitment, engagement and retention of over 100 volunteers, as well as evaluates and organizes donation awareness events in the St. Louis community. As a Community Outreach Coordinator, she spends countless hours promoting donation awareness and driving the registry. Along with serving as a member of GODAC, Young serves as the secondary team lead for Donate Life Missouri (Team Missouri), a member of the Donate Life America (DLA) Affinity Group committee, a member of the Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation (AMAT) and serves on their African American Workgroup Committee. Prior to joining the Donation and Transplantation communities, Young was a classroom teacher in the Jennings School District. "I am honored to serve on this committee and look forward to saving more lives through donation and transplantation awareness."



NEW



*Michala Stoker*

**Michala Stoker, RN, BSN** was appointed to the committee on February 25, 2016, representing the eye tissue procurement organization, Saving Sight. As the Director of Partner Relations at Saving Sight, Stoker has directed efforts to grow relationships with hospitals, medical examiners and coroners, funeral home directors and organ procurement organizations across Missouri to help donors give the gift of sight. Prior to joining Saving Sight in 2013, Stoker championed organ, eye and tissue donation as a registered nurse managing the progressive care unit at Liberty Hospital. In addition to her position at Saving Sight, Stoker currently serves as the state team lead of Donate Life Missouri where she works with partner organizations across the state to educate the public about donation and increase donor designation among Missourians. "The gifts of sight and life made possible through eye, organ and tissue donation are the greatest gifts one can give," Stoker said. "It's truly a privilege to help selfless Missourians change the lives of others through donation."



*Joan Keiser*

**Joan Keiser** was appointed to the committee on February 3, 2011, as a hospital representative. Keiser recently celebrated 20 years as a Chaplain at Mercy Hospital Springfield. She has served in the Neuro-Trauma ICU/neuro areas and recently transitioned to part-time at the Mercy Rehab Hospital in Springfield. Keiser's activities include attending committee meetings, conference calls and assisting in the development of new materials for GODAC that increase public awareness of organ, eye and tissue donation. Highlights for 2016 included a Candlelight Memorial Service, HOSA presentation at Kickapoo High School and Donor Family Recognition at the capitol for Donate Life Month. Keiser is passionate about donation and like Robert Louis Stevenson, who as a small boy was fascinated by the old-fashioned lamplighter coming down the street said: "Look, there's a man coming down the street punching holes in the darkness... That's what donation is about. It is a gift that brings light and life to others."

# COMMITTEE MEMBERS



*Peter Nicaastro*

**Peter Nicaastro** has been a member of the committee since 2006 as an organ recipient and served as chairperson from 2010-2014. Nicaastro is a financial analyst for Express Scripts and lives in Chesterfield with his wife Ellen and seven-year-old twins. Peter has cystic fibrosis. He received a deceased donor lung transplant in 1998 and a living donor kidney transplant in 2005. In addition, he is the state family director for the Catholic fraternal group Knights of Columbus. "My transplants made my family possible," Nicaastro said. "Even young children understand what a phenomenal gift organ donation is in the face of tragedy and can be thankful." Nicaastro assists with the arrangements for the annual Capitol Day. In addition, he volunteers with Mid-America Transplant and speaks to community organizations about the importance of making a donor designation.



*Heidi Kranz*

**Heidi Kranz** was appointed to the committee on February 16, 2011, representing the organ procurement organization, Midwest Transplant Network (MTN). Kranz has been a registered nurse for the past 24 years. She currently serves as the Corporate Strategic Development Officer at MTN, where she is committed to continue working toward its 2009 lifesaving mission. "As a GODAC member, I will advocate for organ and tissue donation and transplantation with a goal to save and enhance the lives of the nearly 2,000 Missourians that continue to wait on the waiting list," Kranz said. "I am proud to serve and fulfill my duties on this committee to increase awareness for the importance of organ donation. I resolve to be committed to GODAC's efforts and support the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in maintaining an effective and efficient donor registry in the state of Missouri to uphold an individual's decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor."



*Jan Finn*

**Jan Finn** has been a committee member since 1996, representing the organ procurement organization, MTN. As Chief Operations Officer, Jan provides executive leadership to a team of more than 150 full-time staff. Key factors in saving lives with organ transplantation include a donation authorization rate of 83 percent and statistically better than expected outcomes for actual numbers of organs transplanted from each donation. In addition, Finn serves as the National Action Leader for the Organ Donation and Transplantation Alliance. "Our mission is to save lives by honoring the gifts of donation with dignity and compassion. It is my pleasure to be a part of GODAC in promoting the donor registry and educating Missourians how they can save lives by signing up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor."

# 2016 COMMITTEE MEMBERS



*Phil Duncan*

**Phil Duncan** was appointed to the committee on March 10, 2011, as an organ recipient. Duncan served 35 years as a Kansas City Power and Light lineman, retired from the Missouri Army National Guard (25 years) and served two terms as mayor of Belton. Duncan participates in volunteer and training opportunities at MTN and Gift of Life (GOL), and has appeared in many parades with the Donate Life Globe to promote organ donation. He devotes his time to educating high school students in Cass County about organ donor awareness. He has received a Medal of Honor award (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), a Volunteer of the Year award (GOL) and an Ambassador of the Year award (MTN). "I am truly honored and excited that I was appointed to the advisory committee. It is a very special team, and one I serve proudly," Duncan said. "As a heart transplant recipient, I am very grateful and blessed that I only had to wait four days for a new heart. I will continue to give back to the community by spreading awareness of organ donation and what a truly wonderful gift it is."

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*Harry Ratliff*

**Harry Ratliff** was appointed to the committee on January 26, 2011, as a donor family representative. Ratliff is employed at Merrill Lynch of Clayton, where he has provided financial investment advisory services to institutions, families and businesses for over 30 years. Harry Ratliff is an active volunteer in the St. Louis community and has served on numerous local, state and national nonprofit boards. As a family member of an organ recipient, Ratliff understands how vital transplants are. "It is a real honor to serve on the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee and I am committed to educating citizens regarding organ and tissue transplants," Ratliff said. "This appointment offers many opportunities to express my gratitude to the donor family by encouraging others to carry out the noble act of organ donation."

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*Virginia Beatty*

**Virginia Beatty** is the DHSS representative and serves as the Committee Secretary. Her appointment began in November 2006. "I am honored to be a part of a program that serves our residents and works with amazing organizations dedicated to honoring donor wishes, educating the public, recording donor designations and supporting donor and recipient families." Beatty manages the Organ and Tissue Donor Program that educates the public and maintains the state Donor Registry System. Many educational initiatives are possible through collaborative efforts among partners. "For more information about organ, eye and tissue donation and the program, visit [www.health.mo.gov/organdonor](http://www.health.mo.gov/organdonor)," Beatty said.

# EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Department of Health and Senior Service by Virginia Beatty

## Donor Family Recognition and Rotunda Day

The DHSS continues education efforts, often in collaboration with partners. During April, the program assisted GODAC, Mid-America Transplant, Midwest Transplant Network and the Missouri Kidney Program in hosting the state's first Donor Family Recognition Day. The day was held in conjunction with the annual Capitol Day. Families met and visited with Sen. Mike Parson in his office. One donor father was very impressed with this act of kindness. Donor families were recognized by the State Senate, received a reception in their honor and had the opportunity to share their stories with Sen. Parson and Rep. Rob Vescovo. You can read more about the Donor Family Recognition Day on page 7.

Capitol Day provides visitors, legislators and legislative staff the opportunity to learn more about organ, eye and tissue donation and to register their donor designation.

## Missouri State Fair

Staff spent April, May and June of 2015 working with Midwest Transplant Network in planning a presence at the 2015 Missouri State Fair. The Missouri Kidney Program and two advisory committee members also helped staff the booth. Volunteers at the booth table were able to answer questions, provide educational materials, encourage registry enrollment and listen to personal stories of organ, eye and tissue donation.

## Media Campaign

A repeat of the FY15 radio promotion campaign for organ donation aired April-May 2016. According to DHSS data specialists, there was a significant increase in the number of donor designations between March 2016 and July 2016 for all three age groups: 45-54 ( $p=0.002$ ), 55-64 ( $p=0.001$ ), and  $\geq 65$  ( $p=0.0005$ ). While the percent increase in the number of donor designations was greater for each age group March-July 2016 (45-54, 0.6%; 55-64, 1.2%, and  $\geq 65$ , 1.2%) compared to March-June 2015 (45-54, 0.2%; 55-64, 0.6%, and  $\geq 65$ , 0.9%), the differences were not statistically significant. The ad, intending to drive action (donor designations in registries) encouraged action among adults 45 years of age and older in Missouri.

## Program Says Goodbye

The Organ and Tissue Donor Program said goodbye in January 2016 to a longtime advocate and employee, Tammy Carrier. Ms. Carrier contributed to and served the program for 14 years, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Donor Registry System, providing technical assistance to call center staff, answering the public's questions, attending health fairs, etc. During her tenure, Ms. Carrier saw the registry develop from a paper and automated DOR data interchange for the intent registry, to a first-person consent registry meeting all requirements of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act passed in 2008. She developed internal registry processing procedures, trained support staff, developed a newsletter for the local driver license offices and processed the emblem use authorizations for the Be A Donor specialty plate. Ms. Carrier accepted a position within the Department's Section for Environmental Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology. We wish Ms. Carrier much success in her new role. She will be missed.



## Published Articles

An article about Keep Hope Alive was published in the spring 2016 edition of Missouri EMS Connection, an electronic newsletter. The article highlighted general organ, eye and tissue donation facts, how emergency personnel can learn more about giving a life-saving opportunity by the work they do every day, and encouraged readers to take the free, Keep Hope Alive training.

In an internal publication, DHSS Snapshot, a recipient story was featured about an employee and her son. A heart transplant gave the employee's son a second chance at life. Since the transplant, the employee's son has become a father, graduated from college and is employed in his field of computer science. They encourage others to consider organ, eye and tissue donation.



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**Organ Donation: The Gift of Life**

**Week of April 11, 2016**

### Heroes

Organ donation is one of the greatest gifts we can give others. It's a recognition of our shared humanity, and a selfless acknowledgment that after we're gone, we can still give back to our fellow men and women.

As an elected official, I meet with countless people. Sometimes, those meetings can be incredibly humbling, which was the case this week when I met with the families of organ donors and recipients, along with the chair of the [Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee](#).

The stories I heard were indescribably touching, both from the families who had lost someone and those who'd received a life-saving organ. It was extremely emotional to hear how the loss of a loved one had been transformed into this incredible gift to another. One family member explained to me how the donation of their loved one's organs touched the lives of more than 100 other people.

I was amazed at the courage it took to come to the Capitol for this group. They were not here seeking recognition. Instead, they were here to support organ donation in Missouri, and to find ways to spread the word of how beneficial it can be to others. This same week, I had the opportunity to present my legislation, [Senate Bill 738](#), which would eliminate the sunset on the organ donor tax checkoff box on the Missouri tax form, set to expire this year. Through this tax checkoff box you can donate a portion or all of your tax refund to the Organ Donation Advisory Committee.

I'm hopeful my colleagues see the importance of this program, and were as touched as I was to learn about the ways donation can affect so many lives. I strongly urge everyone to consider becoming an organ donor. The window for donation can sometimes be narrow. Along with marking the box, let your family know of your intentions to be a donor. You can touch the lives of countless people through this noble act.

In closing, I would like to say that I have had the opportunity to meet many people in my career that I would consider distinguished or even some I consider heroes. But the donors that I met and the heart felt stories they shared will always have an impact on my life. So Godspeed to the donors and recipients for changing someone's life.

**Visitors this week include:** Robert Kenemer, Tim DeClue, Debbi McGinnis, Melinda Robertson, Chris Stewart, Scott Crouch, San & Deb Simaitis, Gaila Beach, Darrin Griffin, Calab Alexander, and Caleb Jones, Dr. Joanna Anderson, Randy Eaton, Nick LaStrada, Judy Parkhurst, Ron Wineinger, Mary Shawley, Tammy Walker, Jenesis May, Marilyn & Lindal Grechus, Tyler Hudson, Ike Skelton, Karen Nixon, Chris Dohogne, St. Clair, Dallas, Laclede, Benton, Cedar County Farm Bureau Youth Leadership groups, Laura, Kasey, & Allison Bouslaugh, Shae & Angie Smith.

"Nothing is Politically Right Which is Morally Wrong"

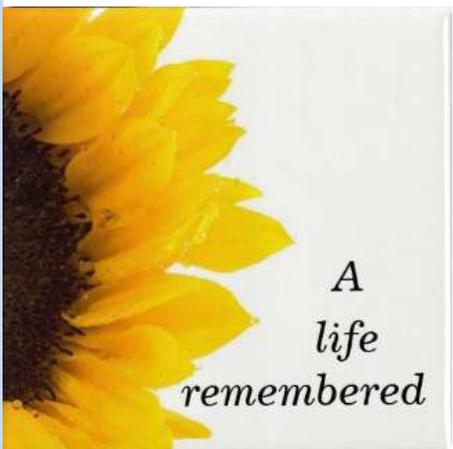
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**If you have any questions or comments regarding issues in state government or within the 28th Senatorial District, please feel free to contact my office.**



## Department of Revenue (DOR) *by Gina Wisch*

The Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing Division and its contract license offices are critical partners in donor registration in Missouri. Approximately 98 percent of all donor registration requests are collected through driver license, nondriver license (ID card) and instruction permit transactions completed by contract license offices and submitted electronically through a secure, encrypted process to the Donor Registry System. The Department of Revenue works to assure that local license offices follow procedures as mandated by Missouri law to ask applicants if they want to consent to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor, and their decision regarding placement of the optional donor symbol.

Training is provided to new and current office staff through on-line manuals, electronic newsletters and

in person from regional coordinators regarding the importance of asking the donor questions as defined. When a member of the public contacts either the DOR or DHSS with a concern, the case is reviewed and then forwarded to the regional office coordinator to address directly with the local license office as needed.

The DOR reviews educational materials related to the donor program developed by DHSS to be distributed to the local license offices. Monthly and annual reports are generated to provide DHSS the number of individuals consenting to being organ, eye and tissue donors and counts of individuals consenting to placement of the donor symbol on a driver and non-driver license or instruction permit.

## Saving Sight *by Christopher Polley*

In 2015-2016, Saving Sight provided corneal tissue for 3,016 corneal transplants to restore the sight of those whose vision was threatened by injury, disorder or disease. More than eight people every day received the gift of sight because of the selfless acts of donors and the work of Saving Sight with its partners to facilitate eye donation to honor the wishes of donors.

Saving Sight established the Excellence in Eye Donation Award in 2014 to recognize hospitals and community partners across its service region with an outstanding commitment to eye donation. Hospitals in Saving Sight's service area that achieve an eye donation consent rate exceeding 45 percent with at least 10 donors are recognized with the honor. Fewer than 15 percent of Saving Sight's 220 partner hospitals receive the Excellence in Eye Donation Award.

In its second year, the 2015 awards, presented in the spring of 2016, brought eye donation to the attention of media in local communities across the state. Stories highlighting the importance and impact of eye donation and the work of local hospitals and Saving Sight to help donors give the gift of sight appeared in 41 media outlets across the region. The award, presented to hospitals across the state, even brought the importance of eye donation to the attention of the Missouri Senate, which approved a resolution commending the work of hospitals helping coordinate eye donation for Missourians.



*Left to right: Saving Sight's Justina Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, Jimmy Robertson and Bothwell Regional Health Center Chief Nursing Officer, Rose McMullin, celebrate Bothwell's Excellence in Eye Donation Award*

The Board of Directors for Gift of Life (GOL) have announced a new vision and mission statement for the organization.

**Vision Statement for Gift of Life**

All transplant needs are met in every community served.

**Mission Statement for Gift of Life**

Gift of Life is a national model for the support, awareness and success of organ, eye and tissue donation through education, mentoring and collaboration with partners and individuals in the transplant community.

After delivering the Life Savers<sup>SM</sup> classroom program for nearly 18 years and the Transplant Mentors program for eight years, the organization understood that their role had broadened, and that very few vetted resources are available online for those new to the transplant journey.

Over 35 volunteers serve as classroom educators through the Life Savers<sup>SM</sup> classroom program, which will be delivered in 100 high schools in the 2016-2017 school year. Another group of 75 volunteers who are transplant recipients, provide assistance in person or on the telephone to 100 families each year.

**Web Resources Introduced for Donor and Transplant Families**

After years of development and planning, Gift of Life is happy to introduce Web resources that provide information and encouragement to donor families, transplant candidates, new recipients and their families. The addition of the online videos and Transplant Resources section to the Gift of Life website are the perfect complement to families new to the transplant journey.

For those looking for resources, information on counseling, services and an outline for their transplant journey, the first online section to visit is [www.giftdonor.org/programs/transplant-resources](http://www.giftdonor.org/programs/transplant-resources). Designed for those waiting for a transplant and new recipients, the menu tabs are articles, resources and videos of medical professionals and include multiple topics.

A separate resource library has been added and contains videos of transplant stories, interviews with spouses and caregivers and donor family stories ([www.giftdonor.org/about/transplant-stories](http://www.giftdonor.org/about/transplant-stories)). Thanks to a grant from American Century Investments and the William G. McGowan Fund, that library will be expanded. Currently over 30 stories are available.



GOL collaborates with partners and individuals to register donors, educate the public and honor donors. The photo represents one such event—a local rodeo event in which a young donor was being honored.



## Missouri Kidney Program *by Leanne Peace*

The Missouri Kidney Program (MoKP) was established in 1968 as a state-funded organization that supports the needs of Missourians who have Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). Since then much has been learned about prevention, stages of the progression and best practices of end-stage renal disease. The MoKP hosts free CKD Patient Education Program (PEP) classes for patients and families to provide preventive strategies and to explore all of the treatment modalities. These classes offer unbiased, best practice guidance and encourage patients to assume an active part of their medical care. Pre-emptive transplantation offers the best medical outcome for most patients, so transplantation and living donor opportunities are explored. In 2016, MoKP hosted 14 PEP classes throughout the state.

As of June 30, 2016, 1,209 Missourians were waiting for a kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant. The need for deceased and living donation is critical. Each year more Missourians are added to the wait list. The MoKP

remains committed to inform citizens about the vital need to register on the organ donation list, inform kidney patients about the benefits of transplantation and to reduce the barriers of transplantation.

The MoKP's funding provides financial assistance for non-covered medical expenses for eligible kidney patients, such as medication co-pays and transportation to treatment. Transplant medications are very expensive and the fear of these life-long financial costs keeps some patients from considering transplantation. The MoKP strives to cover these medication costs for our low-income Missouri kidney patients. The MoKP also offers a grant to cover living expenses related to the transplant surgery for the living donor or recipient. To find out more about MoKP's assistance and the eligibility guidelines, contact your dialysis or transplant social worker or call 800-733-7345.

 **Missouri Kidney Program**  
*University of Missouri Health System*

## Mid-America Transplant *by Justin Phelps*

The Mid-America Transplant Education Program has engaged thousands of students since its inception in 2008 through an innovative, interactive, free, hands-on learning experience. Students learn about all facets of the organ and tissue donation industry in a discussion led by a trained recipient or donor family member. The educational trip allows students to tour operating rooms, handle organ and tissue models, debate ethical topics and hear personal stories from donor families and recipients.

This program dispels myths and teaches youth to understand the need for donation and the importance of making the very personal decision to save lives. Students are also encouraged to discuss what they have learned about donation with their families. About 1,895 students from 51 classrooms experienced the Mid-America Transplant Education Program during the 2015-2016 school year.

In addition, Mid-America Transplant's charitable foundation has extended its education reach through several scholarship opportunities. The foundation is committed to the ongoing development of a strong, skilled workforce in its designated service area, and will begin offering funeral home studies scholarships for the

2016-2017 school year, in addition to renewed nursing student scholarships.

Mid-America Transplant began an educational initiative with local clergy funded by a DHSS grant. Working with local pastors, staff are engaging church members in north St. Louis in a discussion about the movie "The Wish," which was created in partnership between Donate Life America and an independent film production company. The faith-based film is about a beloved high school teacher experiencing kidney failure and her struggles as she awaits a lifesaving kidney transplant. Participants in the clergy program complete pre- and post-discussion surveys to determine how their perceptions of organ and tissue donation change because of the information and discussion facilitated by a Mid-America Transplant representative. At the end of the session, participants are invited to join the Missouri donor registry.

Visit [www.midamericatransplant.org](http://www.midamericatransplant.org) or contact Mid-America Transplant at 314-735-8465 for more information.

  
**Mid-America  
TRANSPLANT**  
*inspired by life*

## Midwest Transplant Network *by Brooke Connell*

Midwest Transplant Network (MTN) kicked off Missouri's fiscal year in partnership with the Sigma Pi Fraternity chapters across its service area in honor of Sigma Pi donor hero, Cameron Chana. Many chapters hosted donor registry drives on their campus. The Missouri Southern State University chapter joined MTN to host a Donate Life basketball game in Joplin, MO. Rob and Lori Chana, Cameron's parents, later came to share their experience and provide their perspective to MTN's Family Service Coordinators, so they could better understand the grief of losing a child and the hope donation brings to parents.

For the second year, MTN recognized hospitals in our service area for Excellence in Donation in the categories of organ and tissue conversion during a special awards ceremony. Based on 2015 donation outcomes, hospitals receiving the Organ Conversion Excellence Award had at least four eligible organ donors with an 80 percent or greater conversion rate. Hospitals receiving the Tissue Conversion Excellence Award had at least 15 eligible tissue donors with a conversion rate greater than 40 percent. Missouri winners included Centerpoint Medical Center and Mosaic Life Care for Organ and Tissue Conversion; Lee's Summit Medical Center, Liberty Hospital, North Kansas City Hospital, Saint Luke's Hospital, Saint Luke's North Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center and The Children's Mercy Hospital for Tissue Conversion; and Freeman Health System and Research Medical Center for Organ Conversion.

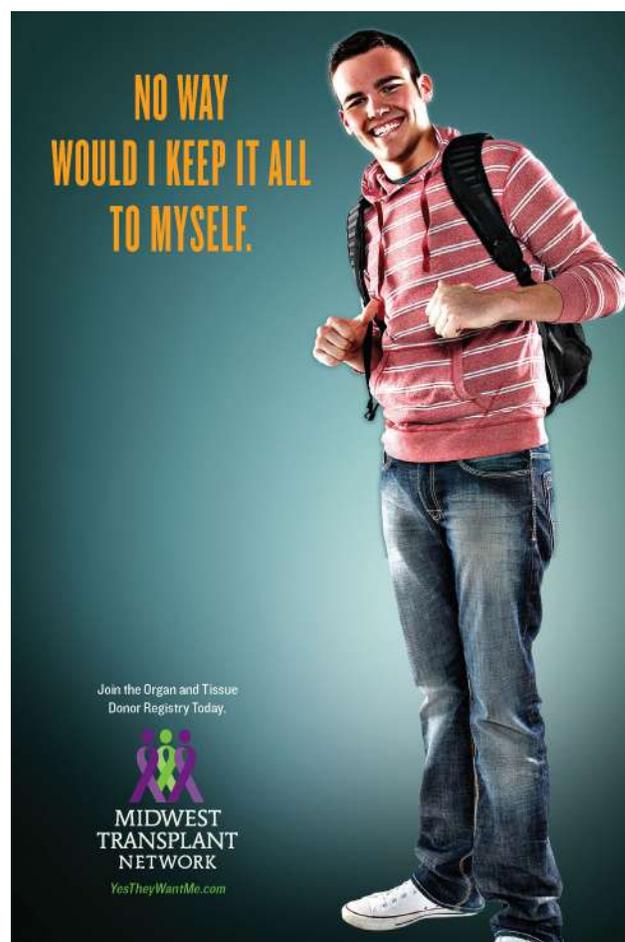
MTN also hosted educational symposiums for hospital partners. The largest symposium, held at Arrowhead Stadium, was themed, "What's Your Game Plan?" The event educated clinical staff about the donation process and encouraged the more than 200 attendees to understand their role and impact on donation, and become advocates for donation awareness.

To broaden clinical education, MTN began offering a training program for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). This program explains the basics of organ, eye and tissue donation, and what EMTs can do to maximize donation potential.

New to MTN's DMV outreach program, new driver cards are now being provided to all driver license offices, driving schools and members of the Missouri Driver Safety Education Association in their service area. The card accompanies the student handbook and informs the student driver about the donation question they will be asked when obtaining their permit or new driver's

license. MTN hopes that by receiving this card new drivers will seek more information about donation and talk with their family so they are prepared to make an informed decision when asked if they would like to join the Missouri Organ and Tissue Donor Registry.

MTN finished the summer as the presenting sponsor of Team MO-KAN in the 2016 Transplant Games of America, held in Cleveland, Ohio. The team of transplant recipients brought home 35 medals in the Olympic-style events. The team consisted of 18 transplant recipients, nine donor families, two living donors and 29 supporters who took part in the bi-annual celebration of life with the goal of highlighting the need for more organ, eye and tissue donors.



# NEW DRIVER?

You will be asked an important question at the DMV.

## DO YOU WANT TO BE A REGISTERED ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONOR?

Be prepared to make an informed decision.

Learn how you can save and improve lives through donation, and get answers to many other questions at [YesTheyWantMe.com](http://YesTheyWantMe.com).

- ▶ You can be a registered donor regardless of your age, race or medical history. If under the age of 18, the final decision of donation remains with the legal next of kin, parents or guardian.
- ▶ You can save up to eight lives through organ donation and improve up to 50 more through tissue donation.
- ▶ Your commitment to donation will never interfere with your medical care. Saving your life is always the top priority if you are sick or injured.

Say yes to donation, and share your decision with your loved ones. Your new permit or license will include a donor symbol that signifies your pledge to save lives.

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## FEATURE STORY

# OUR TRANSPLANT JOURNEY

*by Cheri Volner*



My name is Cheri Volner and this is my family's story. I title this story "Our Transplant Journey" because that is what it is, a journey. You must journey to the avenues of knowledge that teach you about the process, how it is done and if you are even eligible. It is a journey of learning, emotions, healing and of renewed life.

Our transplant journey began in 1995 when my husband was diagnosed with COPD/Emphysema. It was at this time that his breathing was becoming to the point that trying to work every day was becoming more and more difficult. He then became disabled and had to stay at home. The medications, inhalers, nebulizers and oxygen therapy (normal treatments) became part of our everyday lives.

Even with all of the medications his breathing became progressively worse. This is what COPD does, it just slowly envelopes the lungs until they just can't function. There were offers of experimental drugs, which we tried, but were ineffective for my husband. We then explored the possibility of removing the diseased part of the lung only. But that hope quickly faded as we found out that there was too much diseased area. Finally, we were told by the pulmonologist that there just wasn't anything else that could be done.

My husband had been talking to a friend who suggested he look into getting a transplant. He asked the pulmonologist we were seeing about getting a transplant. He told us he was sorry but my husband was past the age that this could be done. He stated my husband might have about three years left. We left that office completely broken.

After the initial shock from that announcement wore off, it was then that we began researching the whole transplant idea. My husband contacted Barnes-Jewish hospital in St. Louis, Mo. The nurse coordinator of the program contacted us and explained a lot about the processes and procedures that would lead up to the decision to see if he would be eligible. Our questions were:

1. Age...since we had already been told that age was a problem she confirmed for us that, NO he wasn't too old. My husband was 68 when he had his transplant and 67 at the time of our initial inquiry.
2. Mortality...I was also very nervous about the possibility of my husband dying while in surgery. The nurse assured me if he passed all of the tests and qualified, that he would not only come out of surgery, he would also have a very good quality of life.
3. Other issues of concern were of course financial. All options were explained as to how to get the coverage needed for the procedures and for all the medications.

After having all of our questions answered we moved forward with doctor visits, completing a lot of paperwork and a huge battery of tests. It all proved to be positive! My husband was positioned on the transplant waiting list according to the severity of his condition. He was high on the list because his disease had progressed exponentially.

During our journey we encountered several road blocks. I was one of them. I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I needed biopsies and of course surgery. During this time my husband was on the list for a "perfect set of lungs", because he had never encountered a common virus as a child. If you haven't had this virus and get a set of lungs that has, the possibility is great that you will get the virus, which can be life threatening right after a transplant. A drug is available that you can take to help prevent getting the virus, but it is very expensive and isn't covered under common insurance plans.

By the time all of this was completed, my husband's condition was at the point he knew that if he didn't receive a transplant in the very near future he wouldn't live. So he asked to be placed on the "any lung" list. It was one week to the day after going on the "any lung" list that we received "the call" on May 16, 2012.

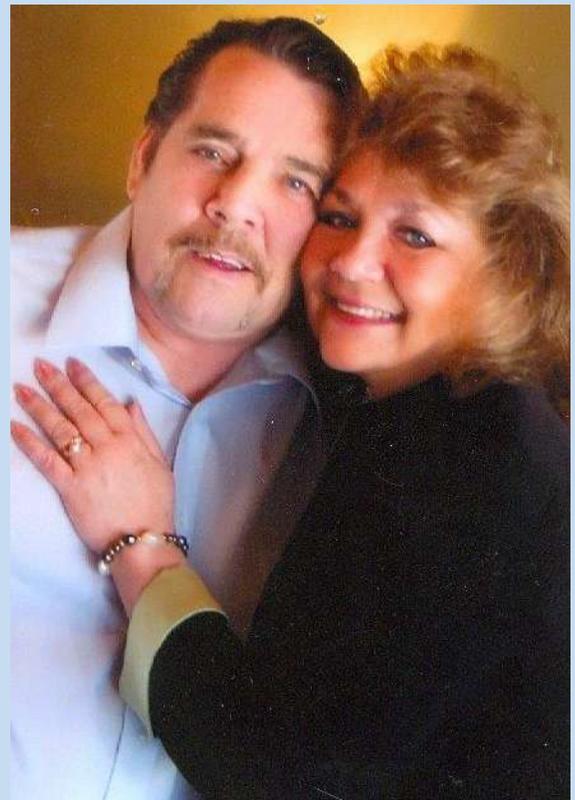
What an exciting, scary and sad time all at once; so many emotions. I compare it to the news of it's time to have the baby! Yet, as excited as we were to think that the transplant was really going to happen, the fear of such a huge surgery loomed in our minds along with the reality that someone else died and their family is suffering. We felt somewhat guilty.

The days and weeks that followed were ones of significant work. My husband had pulmonary therapy for two hours every day, Monday through Friday. All of the medication was certainly an adjustment for his body. Not to mention the healing process and just getting used to the power of breathing again.

I would say to others who may need to make a similar journey, make sure you get all the information you can from a transplant hospital. Not all doctors are well versed on the subject of transplant. Taking the time to research and learn about transplantation is what made the difference in our life's journey.

For us, and many others that I met along the way, this was, and continues to be, a very positive experience! Our journey continues, as we again begin to work on our life dreams and be active in the lives of our children and grandchildren. Most of all...we just enjoy...life!

"You must journey to the avenues of knowledge that teach you about the process, how it is done and if you are even eligible. It is a journey of learning, emotions, healing and of renewed life."



*Lou and Cheri Volner*

A special thank you to the doctors and nurses at Barnes-Jewish Hospital St. Louis for all of your excellent care!

# VOLUNTEERS

## GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE TO OTHERS

by Edward Gulewitz, Jr., Volunteer, Mid-America Transplant



Edward Gulewitz, Jr. volunteering at Fiji event

“For some families, an organ or tissue donation gives meaning to the tragic death of a loved one.”

My name is Edward Gulewitz, Jr., and I was born with cystic fibrosis (CF). Most people are diagnosed with this disease in their infancy or early childhood; I was diagnosed at age 30. There is no cure, only treatment for symptoms. CF weakens the immune system and patients are unable to fight off infections.

Despite treatments, my illness eventually progressed to chronic lung failure. My doctor told me that I should consider a double lung transplant. After additional testing, I was added to the national “waiting list” on October 15, 2013. My health had deteriorated and there was a good chance I would not survive long enough to receive a transplant.

Being on the list made me both hopeful and scared. You realize that you need a transplant and a transplant can only come from a deceased donor. I wrestled with the emotions of guilt and fear. A transplant recipient alleviated some of my anxiety by explaining to me that for some families, an organ or tissue donation gives meaning to the tragic death of a loved one since it gives the Gift of Life to others who have no other option. I got “the call” on January 4, 2014, at 8:30 p.m. My procedure went very smoothly and lasted only four-and-a-half hours, instead of the anticipated eight hours.

I regained my strength very quickly. I was standing two days after my surgery. I walked 1,000 feet and climbed a short flight of stairs the day after that. I walked every day until I was released, just 12 days after surgery. My new lungs are always at risk for infection and rejection. I take a large regimen of medications in order to prevent this, but I can do almost anything a “normal” healthy person can.

My donor’s mother wrote me about her son, Brandon, whose donation saved my life. It is emotional to read about the family and person who gave you another chance at life. I am extremely grateful for and humbled by my donor’s gift.

I volunteer for Mid-America Transplant. One day they asked me to help with a donor registration event—it was the 2016 Fiji Academy! I’m a member of Phi Gamma Delta, a fraternity with more than 180,000 initiated brothers since 1848. As a Fiji and as a recipient of a lung transplant, it was as if God had placed me in this situation to further the Fraternity’s efforts to increase the number of people registered as organ donors. The Fiji brothers welcomed my contributions. I’m closer to the Fraternity that has blessed me and the brotherhood continues to grow every day.

I will always be in debt to the family of my donor and those who have supported me, especially my amazing wife of 15 years, Anita. They have given meaning to my life in ways that are beyond description. Please speak with your family and loved ones about organ and tissue donation. Consider the Gift of Life that we all possess.

When Theresa McClellan suddenly lost her husband Rick during a volleyball game in 2014, her whole world changed. “He’s just a great guy gone way too soon,” said Theresa. Because living an active lifestyle was so important to Rick, he and his wife had talked about organ donation and end-of-life care. “While in shock and coming to grips that terrible night, there wasn’t a doubt that we were going to do organ donation,” said Theresa.

It was impactful for her that Rick was able to help people until the very end with his gift of sight to others whose vision was threatened. Theresa says hospital staff, the funeral home director and Saving Sight all explained the process and made the difficult situation as positive as it could be.

Since Rick’s passing, Theresa has become an avid supporter of the healing power of donation as a volunteer and ambassador for Saving Sight. She’s spread the word about the importance of eye, organ and tissue donation for those who receive the gift and also the positive impact of donation for donor families in Saving Sight publications. She has also spoken to professionals who have the ability to help facilitate donation at state conventions such as the Missouri Coroners’ and Medical Examiners’ Association (MCMEA).

“It just helps me as I transition to life without him—it helps me know that I honored a wish of his,” said Theresa. Saving Sight is thankful to Theresa for sharing their story and for her advocacy on the importance of donation in the community.

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# VOLUNTEERS

## 2016

### WIFE OF A DONOR SHARES HER STORY

*by Christopher Polley, Saving Sight*



*Chief Communications Officer, Annie Kuhl (left), Ambassador, Theresa McLellan (center) and Chief Operating Officer, Tina Livesay at a Saving Sight Board of Directors meeting where Theresa shared her husband Rick’s eye donation story*

# VOLUNTEERS

## A FAILING KIDNEY BECAME AN AWESOME BLESSING

by Brooke Connell, Midwest Transplant Network



Maxine McMullen

Maxine McMullen had no idea she was in danger of losing a kidney. So when she received a call from her doctor saying blood work showed her kidneys had failed, she was in shock. For more than three years, Maxine underwent dialysis treatment three times per week and continued to work every day.

Then, in March 2004, she received the call to report to the hospital immediately – doctors had a kidney for her. Following her transplant, Maxine felt better immediately. She says, “I am awesomely blessed. I know I was put on this earth to inspire others and educate people on the importance of organ donation.” This belief has led her to help others going through the long and painful process of dialysis, and to her work as a Midwest Transplant Network Ambassador.

“We know we can always count on Maxine if a health fair or speaking engagement comes up to find the time to volunteer for MTN,” said Brooke Connell, MTN Public Affairs Manager.

As an Ambassador, Maxine speaks to a variety of groups about the importance of organ donation and to bring awareness to the more than 99,000 people waiting for a kidney transplant in the United States. She was awarded the MTN Ambassador of the Year for 2015 in recognition of her commitment.

“It’s a privilege to be able to talk to people about donation. If you have the opportunity to give someone else a chance at the beauty of the tree of life, why wouldn’t you?” said Maxine.

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The popular Life Savers<sup>SM</sup> program has the chance to reach more students in the classroom thanks to the addition of Tammy Rock, classroom educator. The Rock family relocated to Kansas City three years ago from central Kansas anticipating a long wait for their son, Conor, who was waiting for his second liver transplant. Because of their efforts and the informed transplant community of Kansas City, Conor was surprised to receive his transplant two years ago and has now returned to nursing school at Research Medical Center in Kansas City.

During that time, Conor's parents, Tammy and Jeff, took advantage of the Transplant Mentors program offered by Gift of Life to help families new to the journey. Mentors answered their questions and encouraged them through a healthy recovery. Since this was Conor's second transplant, they were also naturals to help other families new to the process. Tammy blended naturally into the growing Life Savers<sup>SM</sup> classroom program. With Tammy on board, Life Savers<sup>SM</sup> has a goal to add more high schools to the already growing list according to Kim Harbur, recipient mother and Director of Education for Gift of Life. Both women, with a fleet of 35 volunteers, present in classrooms daily to educate students about organ, eye and tissue donation, and encourage them to share their decision with loved ones.

The program began 13 years ago and has grown to reach 30,000 students and their families annually, which includes western Missouri. Gift of Life Co-Founder, Kim Harbur states, "Tammy brings a special spark to the classroom, which students can relate to. The program can continue to grow, reach more people and in turn save more lives." As a mentoring family and classroom instructor, Tammy Rock will be a familiar name with Missouri high school students before the new year.

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## LIFE SAVERS<sup>SM</sup> PROGRAM EXPANDS

*by Keith Anderson, Gift of Life*



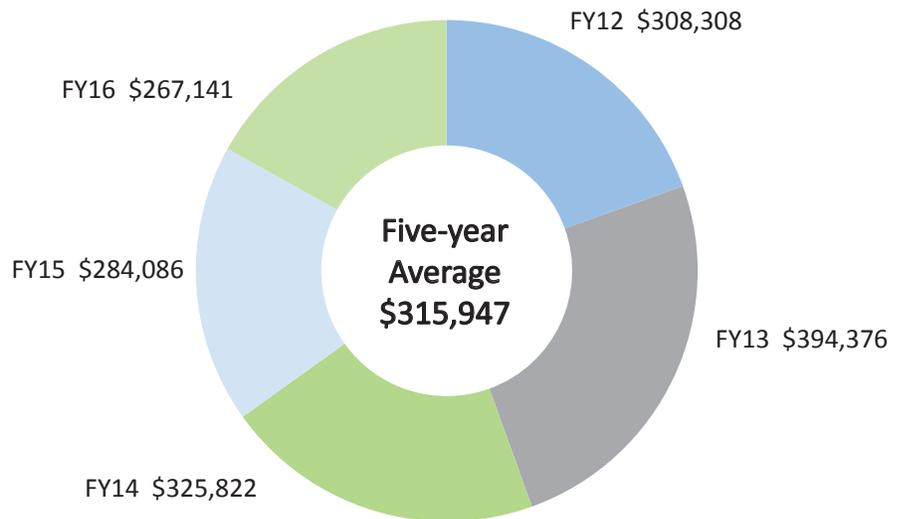
*Tammy Rock, classroom instructor*

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Registry Summary

Overall, FY16 revenue was less than FY15; a decline of 6.34 percent. The reduction is primarily due to a decline in the contributions collected at the local license offices. Other fund contribution opportunities at the local license offices may have been a contributing factor. The decline may also be due to the six-year renewal cycle of driver licenses. The Missouri Income Tax Check-off and Unclaimed Property helped to offset the revenue decline for local license offices in FY16. Revenues have been declining since a high in FY13 of \$394,276; FY14 \$325,822, FY15 \$284,086 and FY16 \$267,141. Annually, the majority of the revenue to the Organ Donor Program Fund is generated from contributions when individuals have a transaction at the local license offices. The most recent five-year average annual contribution was \$315,947.

Contribution History by Fiscal Year



## Statement of Activities

Fiscal years (FY) ending June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016

| Revenue                               | FY15             | FY16             |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Department of Revenue contributions   | 257,528          | 234,746          |
| Direct contributions/specialty plate  | 6,405            | 7,436            |
| State Employee Charitable Campaign    | 1,104            | 828              |
| Unclaimed Property                    | 104              | 232              |
| MO Income Tax Check-off               | 18,944           | 23,899           |
| <b>Revenue Subtotal</b>               | <b>\$284,085</b> | <b>\$267,141</b> |
| <b>Expense</b>                        |                  |                  |
| Registry                              | 7,520            | 21,343           |
| Educational initiatives/annual report | 52,621           | 89,218           |
| Personnel services/leave pay          | 69,693           | 61,822           |
| Staff benefits (fringe benefits)      | 35,838           | 31,736           |
| Administrative overhead               |                  |                  |
| - Indirect costs                      | 20,262           | 19,554           |
| - Network allocation                  | 2,781            | 2,651            |
| - Program supplies and expenses       | 1,957            | 4,506            |
| <b>Expense Subtotal</b>               | <b>\$190,671</b> | <b>\$230,830</b> |
| <b>Change in Net Assets</b>           |                  |                  |
| - Beginning Fund Cash Balance         | 580,948          | 674,363          |
| - Income                              | 284,086          | 267,141          |
| - Expenditures                        | (190,671)        | (230,830)        |
| <b>Fund Cash Balance</b>              | <b>\$674,363</b> | <b>\$710,674</b> |



A donation to the Organ Donor Program Fund authorizes the use of the organ donor emblem. The donation is \$25 for one year and \$50 for a two-year license plate at the local license office.

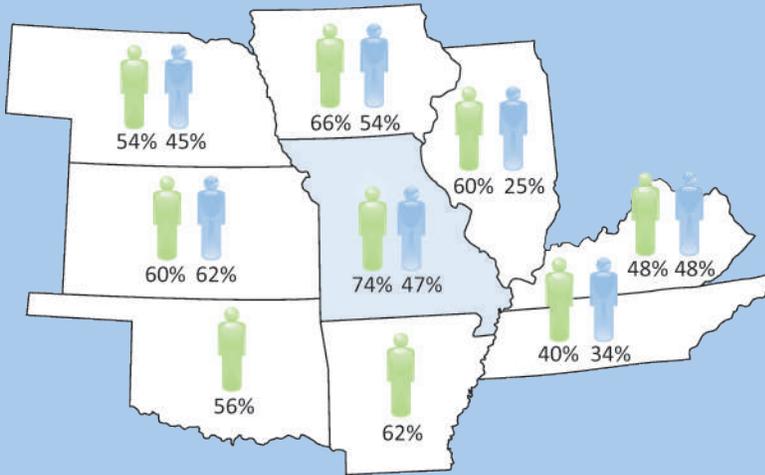
To order go to <http://www.health.mo.gov/living/organdonor/applylicenseplate.php>.

# MISSOURI SNAPSHOT

## MISSOURI DONOR DESIGNATION

(All data on these pages is subject to change due to future data submission or correction.)

### Donor Designation Share and Rate



Calendar Year 2015 - Minimum Standard 50%  
Source: 2016 Annual Update, Donate Life America



#### Donor Designation Share (DDS)

The percentage of the adult population (≥18 years of age) registered as donors divided by the number of individuals in the donor registry of a state by the adult population as measured by the most recent census.

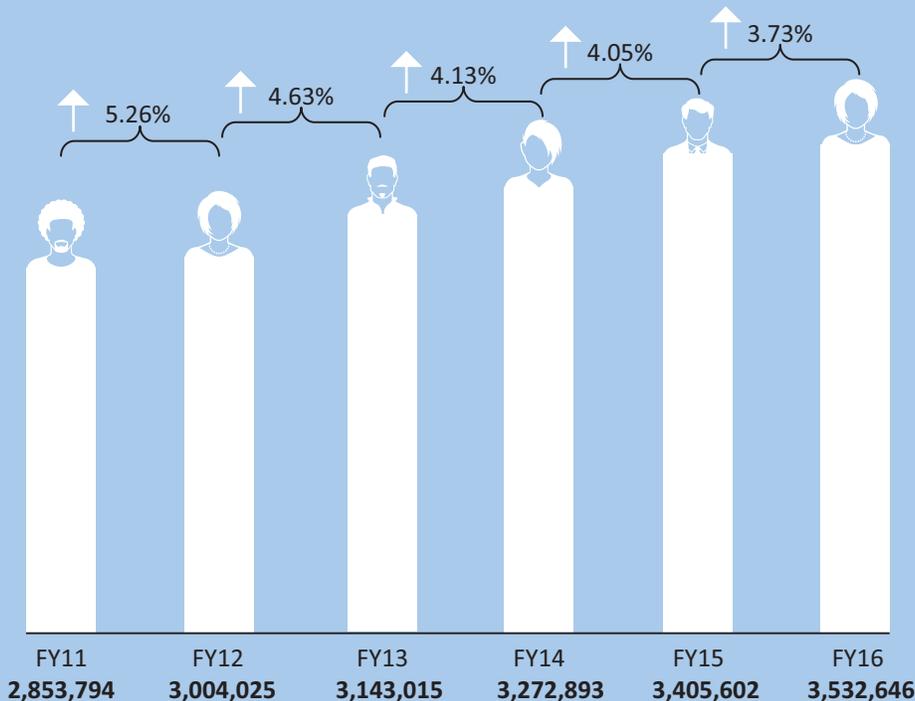


#### Donor Designation Rate (DDR)

The percentage of individuals during a quarter who say "yes" to donation when given the opportunity during a motor vehicle department transaction.

Data limitations exist. For additional information, contact Donate Life America.

### Registered Donor Designations by Fiscal Year



Source: Missouri Donor Registry System

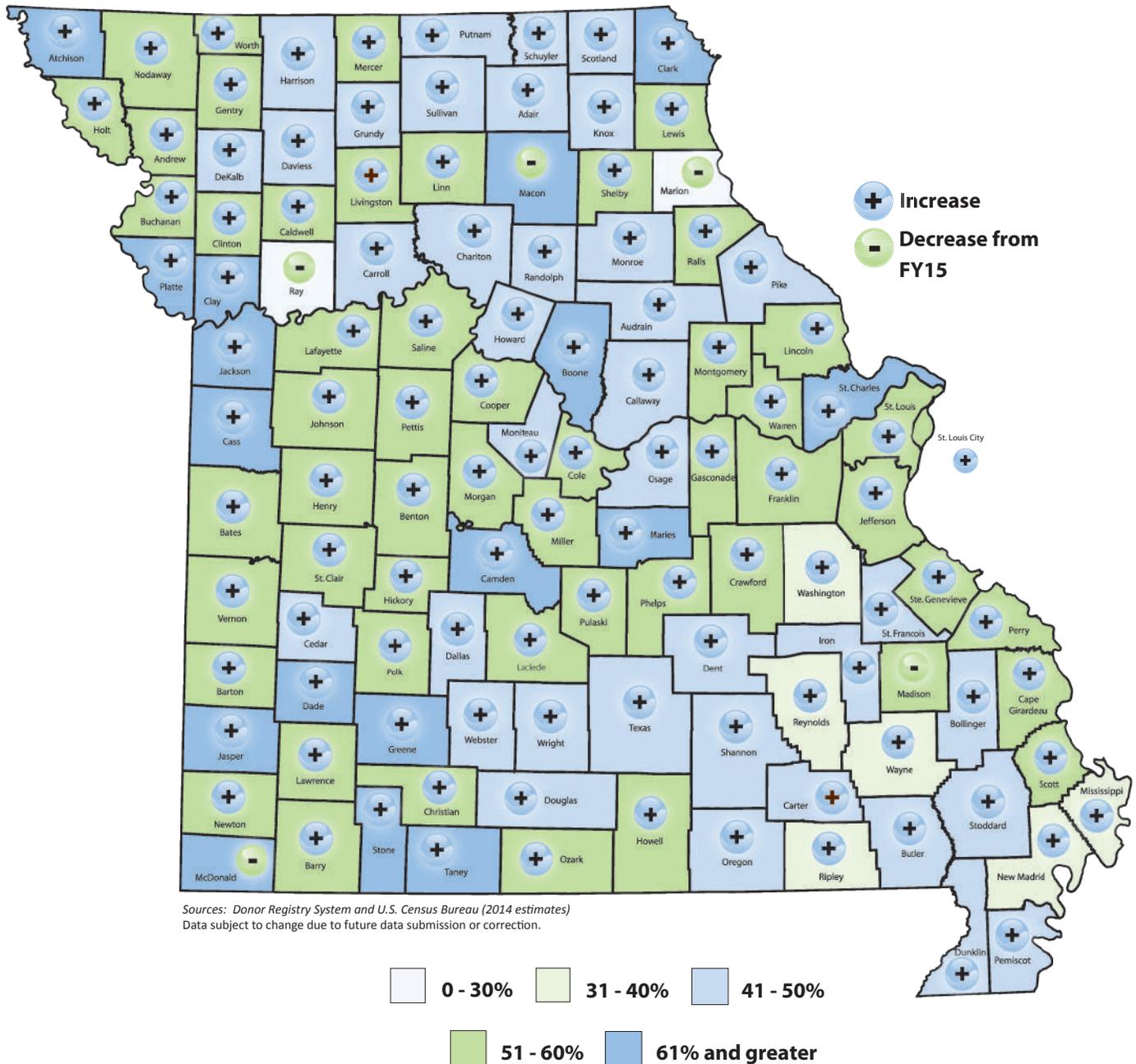


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Eight Lives**

# MISSOURI SNAPSHOT

## Registry Breakdown by County

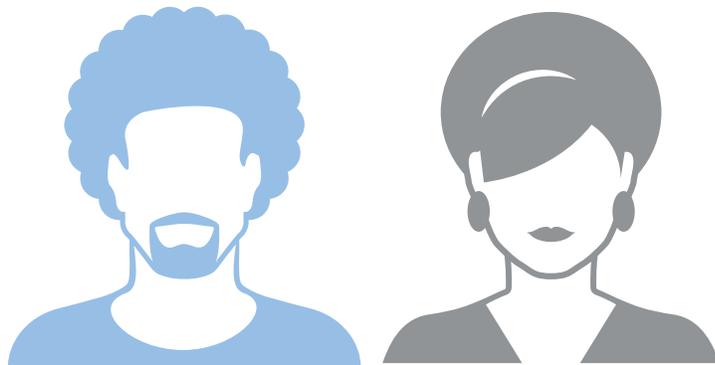
The map shows the percent of county population registered as organ, eye and tissue donors for the period ending June 30, 2016. All but five counties showed an increase in donor designations over the previous year ending June 30, 2015.



# MISSOURI SNAPSHOT

## MISSOURI REGISTERED DONORS

The following graphs reflect total unique registrants at the close of the year, June 30, 2016.



Male: 46.9%      Female: 53.1%

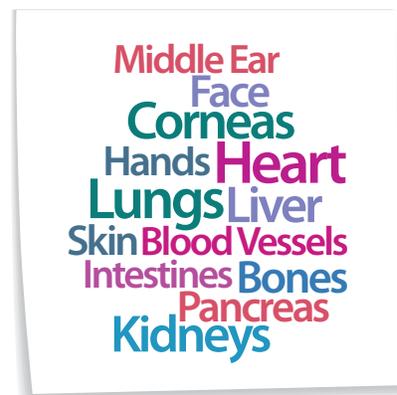
### Registered by Age Census Table\*

| Age Group   | Registrants 7/2/2016 | 2015 Census Est. | Percent of State Population Registered |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--|
| <=14  | 10,771               | 1,151,685        | 0.94%                                  |
| 15-17   | 180,568              | 239,791          | 75.30%                                 |
| 18-24   | 672,963              | 587,399          | 114.57%                                |
| 25-34   | 711,464              | 806,767          | 88.19%                                 |
| 35-44   | 595,953              | 732,675          | 81.34%                                 |
| 45-54   | 569,016              | 805,291          | 70.66%                                 |
| 55-64   | 452,342              | 805,142          | 56.18%                                 |
| >=65  | 333,884              | 954,922          | 34.96%                                 |
| <b>Total Registrants</b>                            | <b>3,526,961</b>     |                  |  |
| <b>Total Population Est.</b>                        |                      | <b>6,083,672</b> |  |
| <b>Total Percent of State Population Registered</b> |                      |                  | <b>57.97%</b>                          |

### Registered by Age Distribution

|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| 65+   | 333,884 |
| 55-64 | 452,342 |
| 45-54 | 569,016 |
| 35-44 | 595,953 |
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| <14   | 10,771  |

Source: Missouri Donor Registry System



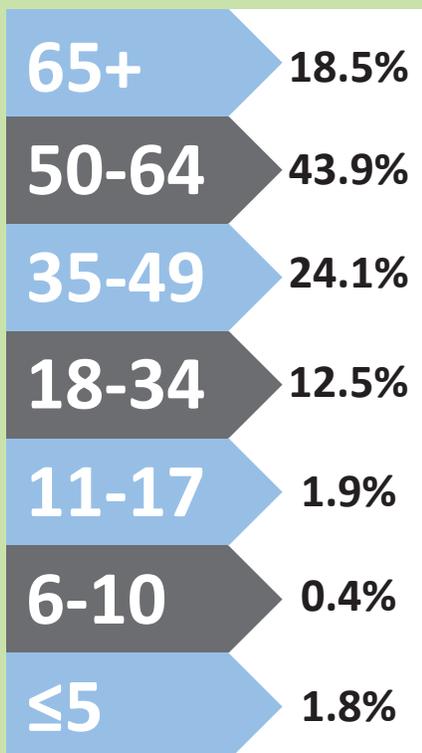
# MISSOURI SNAPSHOT



**2,317**

Number of registrants ever waiting by age group at time of listing where the candidate's home state is Missouri. Total number of patients over all age groups is less than the sum of patients due to multiple listings and multiple timing of listings.

## By Age and Percentage

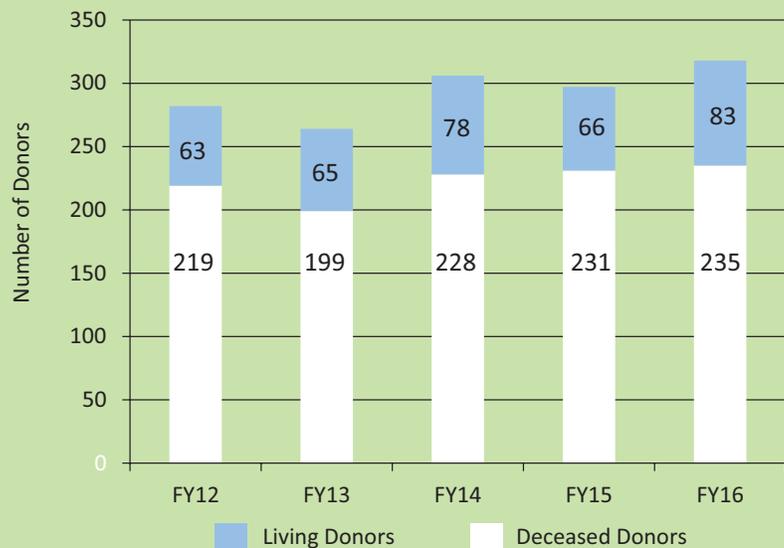


## Missouri Registrants Ever Waiting by Age by Fiscal Year

|              | FY12         | FY13         | FY14         | FY15         | FY16         |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <1           | 22           | 11           | 11           | 13           | 17           |
| 1-5          | 19           | 18           | 17           | 19           | 24           |
| 6-10         | 18           | 15           | 15           | 11           | 10           |
| 11-17        | 29           | 35           | 35           | 43           | 44           |
| 18-34        | 281          | 282          | 274          | 312          | 289          |
| 35-49        | 608          | 629          | 588          | 557          | 558          |
| 50-64        | 979          | 1,045        | 1,067        | 1,028        | 1,017        |
| 65+          | 354          | 406          | 398          | 411          | 429          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,310</b> | <b>2,443</b> | <b>2,328</b> | <b>2,327</b> | <b>2,317</b> |

Note: Number of registrants ever on wait list for a transplant by age, by fiscal year where the candidate's home state is Missouri. Candidate age is at the time of listing. Registrations may be counted in different time periods.

## Missouri Donors by Fiscal Year



Source: United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS)

## Recovery Authorized by the Registry

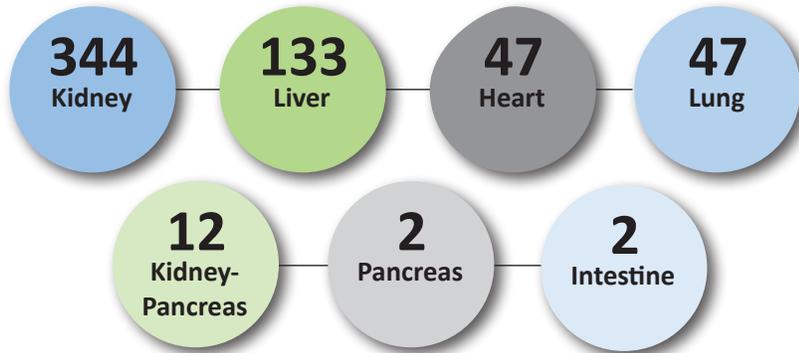
|                   | FY14        | FY15        | FY16      |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Organ Donors      | 128/52.5%   | 127/46.9%   | 133/55.6% |
| Tissue Donors     | 817/59.0%   | 843/59.8%   | 762/59.4% |
| Eye/Cornea Donors | 1,002/53.4% | 1,418/58.4% | 899/55.4% |

Source: Missouri organ and tissue procurement agencies

# MISSOURI SNAPSHOT

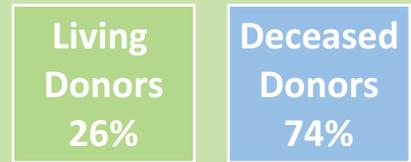
## 587 Transplants

Missouri Transplants as of June 30, 2016

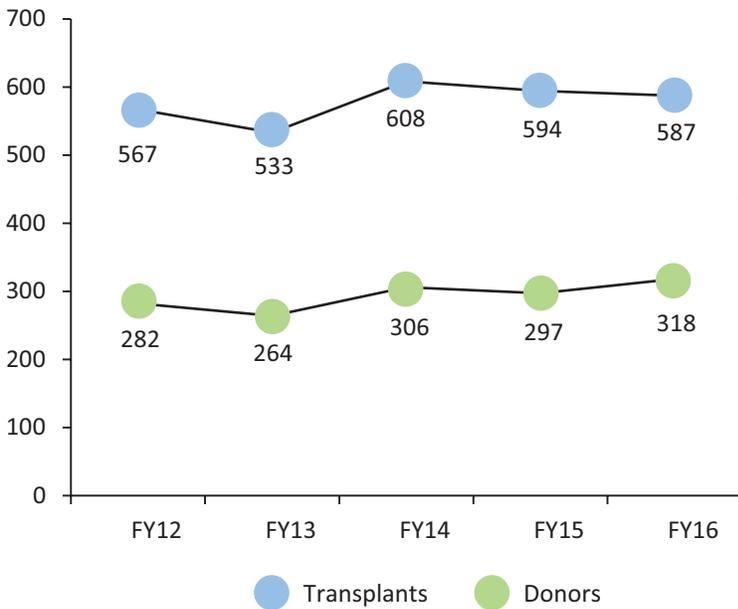


Source: United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS)

**318 Heros**  
One Donor Can  
Help Many



Missouri Donors vs. Transplants Performed by Fiscal Year



Source: United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS)

Note: Number of donors, living and deceased, recovered where donor home state was Missouri vs. number of transplants performed where recipient home state was Missouri.



Note: Some data in this report is based on United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Data Requests 19 Sep2016-2 thru-4 as of September 16, 2016. The content is the responsibility of the authors alone and does not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Department of Health and Human Services, nor does mention of trade names, commercial products, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government. Data from OPTN is based on the recipient or the donor information indicating that the individual's home state or primary residence is Missouri. Data is subject to change due to future data submission or correction.

# LICENSE OFFICES

The local driver license offices in Missouri are responsible for the majority of all Registry enrollments and collect voluntary contributions that support Registry operations and education efforts. The average enrollment goal for each office in fiscal year 2016 (FY16) was 45 percent. One hundred and five offices met or exceeded this goal with several others very close. The average contribution goal for FY16 was ten percent with 41 offices meeting this goal. There was a decrease of seventeen in the number of offices that met the FY16 goal for enrollments. The number of offices meeting the contribution goal did not change. The FY16 enrollment and contribution goals will carry over to FY17. Local license offices in Marshall, Perryville, Salem, Savannah, Twin City and Warrensburg were audited by the Missouri State Auditor for the year ending June 30, 2016 (FY16). All six offices were in good standing in regard to the Registry enrollment and contribution questions. Reports for each local license office in Missouri are available at [www.MissouriOrganDonor.com](http://www.MissouriOrganDonor.com) (click on the "Reports" tab).

## FY16 Awards

Local license offices with the highest percent of registrations and contribution collections per transaction receive recognition. Recognition is in the form of a certificate, mention in the Organ and Tissue Donor Program's DMV Newsletter and this report. Awards are calculated on a quarterly and yearly basis. The following offices were recognized in FY16. Each list begins with the license office with the highest ranking.

| 1st Quarter   | 2nd Quarter  | 3rd Quarter  | 4th Quarter   | Yearly   |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Registrations</b><br>Chesterfield, Des Peres, Clayton, Parkville and Maplewood | <b>Registrations</b><br>Chesterfield, Liberty, Washington, Maplewood and Des Peres | <b>Registrations</b><br>Maplewood, Des Peres, Chesterfield, Liberty and Washington | <b>Registrations</b><br>Clayton, Chesterfield, Platte City, Des Peres and Maplewood | <b>Registrations</b><br>Chesterfield, Des Peres, Liberty, Maplewood, Liberty and Parkville |
| <b>Contributions</b><br>Clayton, West County, Princeton, St. Charles and Lamar    | <b>Contributions</b><br>West County, Princeton, Oakville, St. Charles and Ironton  | <b>Contributions</b><br>West County, Ironton, Oakville, Joplin and Lamar           | <b>Contributions</b><br>Joplin, Ironton, Oakville, West County and Rock Port        | <b>Contributions</b><br>West County, Princeton, Joplin, Ironton and Lamar                  |

## Highest Percent of Change—FY16

Compared to FY15, the following license offices, calculated by location independent of contractor, showed the highest percent of change for enrollment and contributions in FY16. A full report showing the percent of change for enrollment by office is available on pages 27-28. The offices listed below received certificates in recognition of their efforts.

| Registrations                           | Contributions                                |
|---|--|
| Paris, Monroe County..... 9.8%          | Oakville, St. Louis County..... 24.1%        |
| Gainsville, Ozark County..... 9.1%      | Ironton, Iron County..... 12.7%              |
| Pineville, McDonald County..... 8.8%    | Republic, Greene County..... 11.3%           |
| New Madrid, New Madrid County..... 8.5% | Warensburg, Johnson County..... 9.4%         |
| Grant City, Worth County..... 8.5%      | Nixa, Christian County..... 9.1%             |
| Princeton, Mercer County..... 7.5%      | Brookfield, Linn County..... 8.9%            |
| Alton, Oregon County..... 7.4%          | Montgomery City, Montgomery County..... 7.8% |
| Louisiana, Pike County..... 7.1%        | Rock Port, Atchison County..... 6.4%         |
| Bethany, Harrison County..... 6.7%      | Hermitage, Hickory County..... 6.1%          |
| Ironton, Iron County..... 6.6%          | Independence, Jackson County..... 5.6%       |

# LICENSE OFFICES SHOWING SUPPORT

# 2016

## **National Blue and Green Day** *by Midwest Transplant Network*

To celebrate National Blue and Green Day on April 15, 2016, the public was encouraged to wear blue and green, hold events and partner with community organizations in an effort to spread awareness about organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation. License offices and local residents in Midwest Transplant Network's service area participated in the national celebration. Across the nation, many individuals and groups entered Donate Life America's annual #BlueGreenDay photo contest. To view award winners and the participating photos, 'like' Donate Life America on Facebook and click the "Photo Contest" tab on their page. Midwest Transplant Network looks forward to seeing more community creativity across the state for next year's #BlueGreenDay on April 21, 2017.



The Missouri Organ and Tissue Donor Program and its partners are looking forward to seeing community-wide participation in the 2017 Blue and Green Day!

## **Show Us Your Blue and Green** *by Missouri Organ and Tissue Donor Program*

April is National Donate Life Month and one great way to show your support is to participate in National Donate Life Blue and Green Day! During this day, the public is encouraged to wear blue and green in an effort to promote organ, eye and tissue transplantation and the need for registered donors. We're proud to say that the driver license offices in Missouri are responsible for the majority of all registry enrollments. Blue and Green Day offers a fun opportunity to literally show support for organ, eye and tissue donation and spread the word to your local community.

National Donate Life Blue and Green Day is scheduled for April 21, 2017, and we encourage Missouri local license offices to participate by showing off their blue and green. For free resources to help you get started visit Donate Life America's website at <https://www.donatelife.net/blue-green-day/>.

Remember to take lots of photos of how you celebrate Blue and Green Day. License offices and the public can share their participation in multiple ways by:

- Sending photos to the Organ and Tissue Donor Program at [organdonor@health.mo.gov](mailto:organdonor@health.mo.gov); the Program will showcase license office photos in the June issue of the Registry Report newsletter.
- Competing in Donate Life America's annual #BlueGreenDay Facebook photo contest.

# MISSOURI REGISTRY PARTICIPATION

| COUNTY/OFFICE NAME   | FY16  | % of Change | COUNTY/OFFICE NAME               | FY16  | % of Change | COUNTY/OFFICE NAME   | FY16  | % of Change |
|----------------------|-------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|----------------------|-------|-------------|
| ADAIR                |       |             | CLAY                             |       |             | HOWARD               |       |             |
| Kirksville .....     | 43.0% | +5.2        | Excelsior Springs .....          | 57.4% | +3.4        | Fayette .....        | 51.4% | +4.1        |
| ANDREW               |       |             | Gladstone .....                  | 51.6% | +0.7        | HOWELL               |       |             |
| Savannah .....       | 53.0% | +3.2        | Liberty .....                    | 61.6% | +2.0        | Mountain View .....  | 39.8% | +2.8        |
| ATCHISON             |       |             | North Kansas City .....          | 43.7% | -2.4        | West Plains .....    | 46.4% | +4.7        |
| Rock Port .....      | 55.3% | +6.2        | CLINTON                          |       |             | Willow Springs ..... | 42.1% | +3.7        |
| AUDRAIN              |       |             | Cameron .....                    | 51.0% | +3.0        | IRON                 |       |             |
| Mexico .....         | 42.0% | -1.3        | Plattsburg .....                 | 56.8% | +5.0        | Ironton .....        | 40.6% | +6.6        |
| Vandalia .....       | 45.5% | +5.1        | COLE                             |       |             | Viburnum .....       | 7.2%  | -31.1       |
| BARRY                |       |             | Jefferson City .....             | 48.6% | +1.1        | JACKSON              |       |             |
| Cassville .....      | 42.8% | -0.3        | Jefferson City Mail In .....     | 35.7% | +4.1        | Blue Springs .....   | 56.3% | +4.7        |
| Monett .....         | 46.9% | +2.6        | Jefferson City Mini Branch ..... | 54.7% | +1.2        | Grandview .....      | 42.8% | -1.5        |
| BARTON               |       |             | COOPER                           |       |             | Independence .....   | 49.7% | +1.2        |
| Lamar .....          | 49.3% | +3.5        | Boonville .....                  | 50.7% | +4.2        | Kansas City .....    | 41.4% | +3.4        |
| BATES                |       |             | CRAWFORD                         |       |             | Lee's Summit .....   | 59.1% | +0.3        |
| Butler .....         | 55.5% | +5.5        | Cuba .....                       | 46.1% | +2.7        | Raytown .....        | 40.6% | +2.7        |
| BENTON               |       |             | Steelville .....                 | 41.8% | 0.0         | Sugar Creek .....    | 40.9% | +4.0        |
| Warsaw .....         | 43.8% | +1.4        | DADE                             |       |             | JASPER               |       |             |
| BOLLINGER            |       |             | Greenfield .....                 | 49.1% | +4.7        | Carthage .....       | 48.5% | +0.9        |
| Marble Hill .....    | 10.0% | -27.4       | DALLAS                           |       |             | Joplin .....         | 55.9% | +2.6        |
| BOONE                |       |             | Buffalo .....                    | 41.4% | +3.1        | Sarcoxie .....       | 44.1% | +2.3        |
| Columbia .....       | 56.0% | +2.6        | DAVISS                           |       |             | JEFFERSON            |       |             |
| BUCHANAN             |       |             | Gallatin .....                   | 46.5% | +3.7        | Arnold .....         | 55.8% | +2.5        |
| St. Joseph .....     | 46.8% | +5.4        | DEKALB                           |       |             | De Soto .....        | 45.6% | +5.2        |
| BUTLER               |       |             | Maysville .....                  | 54.1% | +5.1        | High Ridge .....     | 50.9% | +3.7        |
| Poplar Bluff .....   | 37.0% | +1.8        | DENT                             |       |             | Imperial .....       | 53.1% | +1.7        |
| CALDWELL             |       |             | Salem .....                      | 39.9% | +2.6        | Twin City .....      | 55.2% | +2.4        |
| Kingston .....       | 54.3% | +4.0        | DOUGLAS                          |       |             | JOHNSON              |       |             |
| CALLAWAY             |       |             | Ava .....                        | 40.4% | +3.9        | Warrensburg .....    | 47.4% | +0.4        |
| Fulton .....         | 45.8% | +1.2        | DUNKLIN                          |       |             | KNOX                 |       |             |
| CAMDEN               |       |             | Kennett .....                    | 38.7% | +1.8        | Edina .....          | 42.5% | +2.9        |
| Camdenton .....      | 54.6% | +1.3        | Malden .....                     | 28.8% | +4.4        | LACLEDE              |       |             |
| CAPE GIRARDEAU       |       |             | FRANKLIN                         |       |             | Lebanon .....        | 45.9% | +6.5        |
| Cape Girardeau ..... | 47.1% | +1.2        | Pacific .....                    | 58.5% | +3.0        | LAFAYETTE            |       |             |
| Jackson .....        | 44.2% | +1.5        | St. Clair .....                  | 49.9% | +3.2        | Lexington .....      | 51.1% | +3.9        |
| CARROLL              |       |             | Sullivan .....                   | 52.8% | +4.9        | LAWRENCE             |       |             |
| Carrollton .....     | 42.8% | +4.1        | Union .....                      | 50.4% | +2.4        | Aurora .....         | 45.9% | +4.1        |
| CARTER               |       |             | Washington .....                 | 61.4% | +4.7        | Mount Vernon .....   | 50.8% | +1.4        |
| Van Buren .....      | 36.4% | +2.7        | GASCONADE                        |       |             | LEWIS                |       |             |
| CASS                 |       |             | Hermann .....                    | 54.2% | +4.4        | Monticello .....     | 53.1% | +4.9        |
| Belton .....         | 60.5% | +1.2        | Owensville .....                 | 40.3% | +3.0        | LINCOLN              |       |             |
| Harrisonville .....  | 57.5% | +3.9        | GENTRY                           |       |             | Troy .....           | 48.0% | +3.6        |
| CEDAR                |       |             | Stanberry .....                  | 53.6% | +3.0        | LINN                 |       |             |
| Stockton .....       | 44.0% | +5.1        | GREENE                           |       |             | Brookfield .....     | 33.8% | +3.6        |
| CHARITON             |       |             | Glenstone .....                  | 54.1% | +2.1        | LIVINGSTON           |       |             |
| Keytesville .....    | 39.6% | +0.6        | Republic .....                   | 55.2% | +3.7        | Chillicothe .....    | 50.4% | +3.4        |
| CHRISTIAN            |       |             | South Fremont .....              | 56.0% | +4.6        | MACON                |       |             |
| Nixa .....           | 60.3% | +4.8        | Springfield .....                | 37.1% | -4.1        | Macon .....          | 43.5% | +5.3        |
| Ozark .....          | 57.0% | +1.1        | GRUNDY                           |       |             | MADISON              |       |             |
| CLARK                |       |             | Trenton .....                    | 38.4% | +0.6        | Fredericktown .....  | 44.5% | +4.0        |
| Kahoka .....         | 49.4% | +1.6        | HARRISON                         |       |             | MARIES               |       |             |
|                      |       |             | Bethany .....                    | 48.3% | +6.7        | Vienna .....         | 45.3% | +5.9        |
|                      |       |             | HENRY                            |       |             | MARION               |       |             |
|                      |       |             | Clinton .....                    | 45.7% | +4.5        | Hannibal .....       | 47.1% | +1.4        |
|                      |       |             | HICKORY                          |       |             | Palmyra .....        | 54.5% | +4.1        |
|                      |       |             | Hermitage .....                  | 45.6% | +5.4        | MCDONALD             |       |             |
|                      |       |             |                                  |       |             | Pineville .....      | 44.3% | +8.8        |

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|--------------------|-------|-------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|
| MERCER             |       |             | RAY                       |       |             | Forsyth            | 52.0% | +2.7        |
| Princeton          | 49.8% | +7.5        | Richmond                  | 45.3% | +2.5        | TEXAS              |       |             |
| MILLER             |       |             | REYNOLDS                  |       |             | Houston            | 39.6% | +2.7        |
| Eldon              | 52.2% | +4.0        | Ellington                 | 34.4% | +6.4        | Licking            | 37.9% | +3.8        |
| MISSISSIPPI        |       |             | RIPLEY                    |       |             | VERNON             |       |             |
| Charleston         | 38.6% | +4.1        | Doniphan                  | 32.7% | +1.6        | Nevada             | 51.8% | +3.7        |
| MONITEAU           |       |             | SALINE                    |       |             | WARREN             |       |             |
| California         | 47.6% | +3.6        | Marshall                  | 42.0% | -0.1        | Warrenton          | 46.1% | +1.3        |
| MONROE             |       |             | SCOTLAND                  |       |             | WASHINGTON         |       |             |
| Monroe City        | 50.2% | +6.0        | Memphis                   | 38.0% | +1.1        | Potosi             | 34.8% | +1.7        |
| Paris              | 34.4% | +9.8        | SCOTT                     |       |             | WAYNE              |       |             |
| MONTGOMERY         |       |             | Chaffee                   | 49.0% | +3.9        | Piedmont           | 39.6% | +3.6        |
| Montgomery City    | 53.3% | +3.5        | Sikeston                  | 42.8% | +1.4        | WEBSTER            |       |             |
| MORGAN             |       |             | SHANNON                   |       |             | Marshfield         | 48.0% | +3.7        |
| Versailles         | 44.7% | +3.0        | Eminence                  | 39.2% | +4.1        | WORTH              |       |             |
| NEW MADRID         |       |             | SHELBY                    |       |             | Grant City         | 51.2% | +8.5        |
| New Madrid         | 42.2% | +8.5        | Shelbina                  | 45.0% | +5.2        | WRIGHT             |       |             |
| NEWTON             |       |             | ST CHARLES                |       |             | Hartville          | 35.7% | +3.4        |
| Neosho             | 43.9% | +4.0        | Harvester                 | 57.1% | +2.8        | Mountain Grove     | 30.9% | -1.5        |
| NODAWAY            |       |             | O'Fallon                  | 52.4% | +6.5        |                    |       |             |
| Maryville          | 52.1% | +1.6        | St. Charles               | 55.6% | +5.4        |                    |       |             |
| OREGON             |       |             | Wentzville                | 56.6% | +4.3        |                    |       |             |
| Alton              | 34.1% | +7.4        | ST CLAIR                  |       |             |                    |       |             |
| OSAGE              |       |             | Osceola                   | 35.5% | -5.9        |                    |       |             |
| Linn               | 47.6% | 0.0         | ST FRANCOIS               |       |             |                    |       |             |
| OZARK              |       |             | Bonne Terre               | 43.6% | +0.7        |                    |       |             |
| Gainesville        | 44.8% | +9.1        | Farmington                | 33.8% | -0.2        |                    |       |             |
| PEMISCOT           |       |             | ST LOUIS                  |       |             |                    |       |             |
| Caruthersville     | 38.0% | +2.9        | Affton                    | 48.7% | +2.9        |                    |       |             |
| PERRY              |       |             | Bridgeton                 | 41.2% | +2.8        |                    |       |             |
| Perryville         | 45.9% | +2.6        | Chesterfield              | 64.4% | +1.6        |                    |       |             |
| PETTIS             |       |             | Clayton                   | 32.0% | -25.2       |                    |       |             |
| Sedalia            | 44.1% | +0.3        | Creve Coeur               | 52.9% | -0.1        |                    |       |             |
| PHELPS             |       |             | Des Peres                 | 63.0% | +2.5        |                    |       |             |
| Rolla              | 46.4% | +2.3        | Ferguson                  | 26.6% | -0.2        |                    |       |             |
| PIKE               |       |             | Florissant                | 37.3% | +0.7        |                    |       |             |
| Bowling Green      | 44.8% | +2.0        | Maplewood                 | 62.7% | +2.1        |                    |       |             |
| Louisiana          | 49.1% | +7.1        | North County              | 23.0% | +3.7        |                    |       |             |
| PLATTE             |       |             | Oakville                  | 46.0% | +5.0        |                    |       |             |
| Parkville          | 61.5% | +3.3        | Olivette                  | 44.9% | +3.4        |                    |       |             |
| Platte City        | 60.6% | +0.8        | Overland                  | 37.4% | +4.9        |                    |       |             |
| POLK               |       |             | South County              | 52.4% | +0.4        |                    |       |             |
| Bolivar            | 48.5% | +4.6        | West County               | 59.8% | +2.1        |                    |       |             |
| PULASKI            |       |             | ST LOUIS CITY             |       |             |                    |       |             |
| Waynesville        | 53.3% | +3.0        | Central West End          | 40.3% | +4.9        |                    |       |             |
| PUTNAM             |       |             | Downtown (St. Louis City) | 37.8% | +1.3        |                    |       |             |
| Unionville         | 43.6% | +1.2        | Northside                 | 32.2% | -8.6        |                    |       |             |
| RALLS              |       |             | South Kingshighway        | 39.3% | +0.3        |                    |       |             |
| New London         | 42.3% | +3.4        | STE GENEVIEVE             |       |             |                    |       |             |
| RANDOLPH           |       |             | Ste. Genevieve            | 55.4% | +2.5        |                    |       |             |
| Moberly            | 47.4% | +4.6        | STODDARD                  |       |             |                    |       |             |
|                    |       |             | Dexter                    | 36.4% | +2.5        |                    |       |             |
|                    |       |             | STONE                     |       |             |                    |       |             |
|                    |       |             | Crane                     | 44.9% | +0.4        |                    |       |             |
|                    |       |             | Branson West (Lakeview)   | 52.3% | +0.2        |                    |       |             |
|                    |       |             | SULLIVAN                  |       |             |                    |       |             |
|                    |       |             | Milan                     | 36.8% | -1.3        |                    |       |             |
|                    |       |             | TANEY                     |       |             |                    |       |             |
|                    |       |             | Branson                   | 53.2% | +3.2        |                    |       |             |

Note: Registry participation data is being reported for July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and is based on percent of total transactions responding "yes" to being placed on the registry. The percentages were calculated by location independent of contractor; contractor change or office closure during FY16 may alter the percentage. Percent of change refers to change from the previous year. Data is subject to change based on future data submission or correction.



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