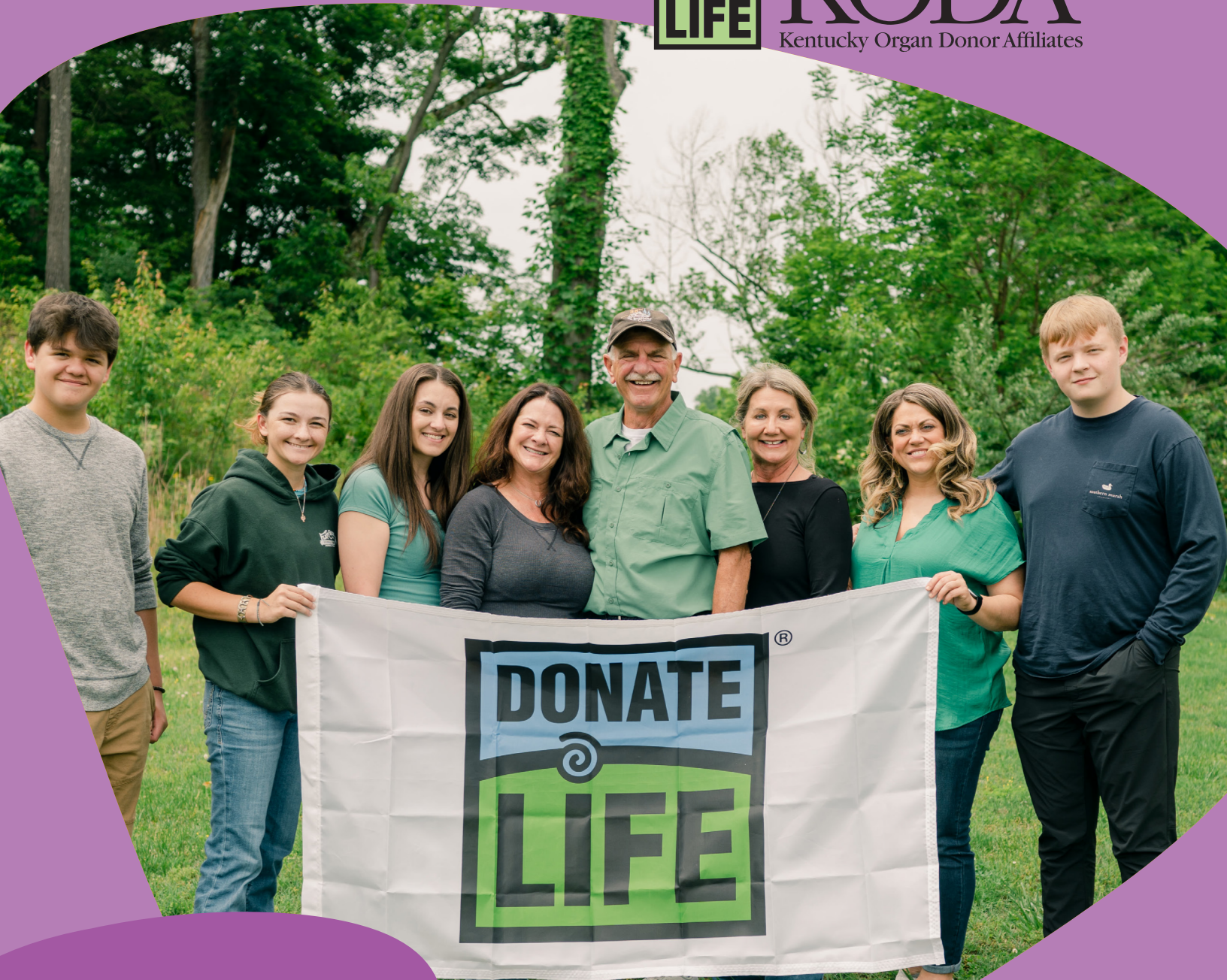




KODA
Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates



20 YEAR IN
23 REVIEW

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From KODA's President

I am delighted to share with you our 2023 annual report, reflecting on KODA's commitment to excellence in organ and tissue donation. This past year has been a testament to our unwavering dedication to saving and healing lives through transplantation.

KODA reached several milestones in 2023 thanks to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated team, local healthcare partners, and this supportive community. The gifts of life given by 299 organ donors and 633 tissue donors led to 729 organ transplants and thousands of tissue recipients. Through innovative initiatives and unyielding commitment, we have significantly increased awareness, donor registrations and donation rates, impacting countless families.

We take pride in our achievements, including a sixth consecutive year of increases in organ and tissue donation, yet we recognize that there is always room for improvement. As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of excellence, continuously striving to enhance processes, expand outreach efforts, and optimize donor care and recovery to ensure every donor's legacy lives on through the gift of life.

Furthermore, I am excited to announce our intention to merge with LifeCenter Organ Donor Network in Cincinnati, Ohio. This initiative aligns with our strategic vision and enhances our ability to serve our community effectively. It presents a unique opportunity to strengthen our resources, streamline operations, and expand our reach, enabling us to better fulfill our mission and meet the growing needs of those awaiting life-saving transplants. Ultimately, we will be Better Together.

As we embark on this journey, be assured that our commitment to KODA's core values and the well-being of our stakeholders remains unwavering. We are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and compassion throughout the merger process, ensuring a smooth transition that benefits all involved.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our donors, transplant recipients, healthcare partners and supporters who continue to inspire and motivate us in our mission. Together we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those touched by organ and tissue donation.

Sincerely,

Julie Bergin, RN, MHA, FACHE
President & CEO

Together, We Give Families Hope



In May of 2018, Eddie's dream of retirement turned to anxious anticipation as removal of a baseball-sized tumor on his left kidney resulted in complications that damaged his right kidney beyond repair. An active retirement of fishing trips, family time, and horseback riding was traded for dialysis.

In October of 2021, Eddie was placed on the transplant list. He remained on it in desperate hope for a full year. On a cold, snowy Friday in early 2022, Eddie's time waiting ended. Recovery was a period of joy and complicated logistics, as it is for many recipients. That's why KODA and the Donate Life KY Trust provided Eddie with a grant to ease the burden of post-transplantation logistics like travel.

Supporting families like Eddie's is part of our commitment to stewarding the life-changing gift of organ donation.

That gift didn't just give Eddie the retirement he hoped for, it gifted his community their father, brother, uncle, and friend. Three daughters still have their Dad, six grandkids still have their Papaw, and his hunting and fishing buddies still have their go-to cook. Every life saved echoes throughout our communities and stands in testament to the power of hope.



A Beacon of Hope

Every day, KODA strives to give those in need a second chance at life and a renewed sense of hope by creating a culture of donation where the gift of life is cherished and celebrated. A big part of that is cherishing the families whose loved ones make the heroic decision to donate life.

In 2023, annual celebrations of life like our Donor Recognition Ceremony

were joined by new programs and initiatives dedicated to supporting those whose lives have been touched by donation.

Our **Holiday Honor Walk** was a poignant tribute to our donor heroes. We are grateful to have witnessed the profound impact of

donation on hundreds of members of our community who walked with us in memory of their loved ones.



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We also partnered with Camp Hi Ho, Camberwell Grief Sanctuary, and Kosair for Kids to host **Camp Hi Hope**, our first camp to address the unique needs of grieving children.

Studies confirm youth are at increased risk of negative emotional, behavioral, and educational outcomes after the death of a loved one.

Our camp honored the legacy of our donors and contributed to the healing and wellbeing of the youngest members of their families while igniting hope in the hearts of our community's next generation.



Holiday Honor Walk

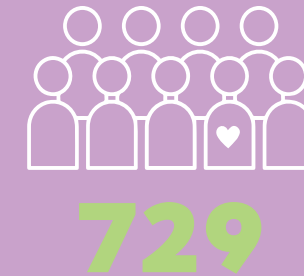


Camp Hi Hope

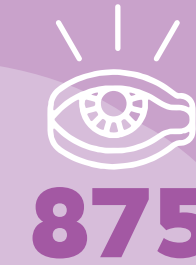
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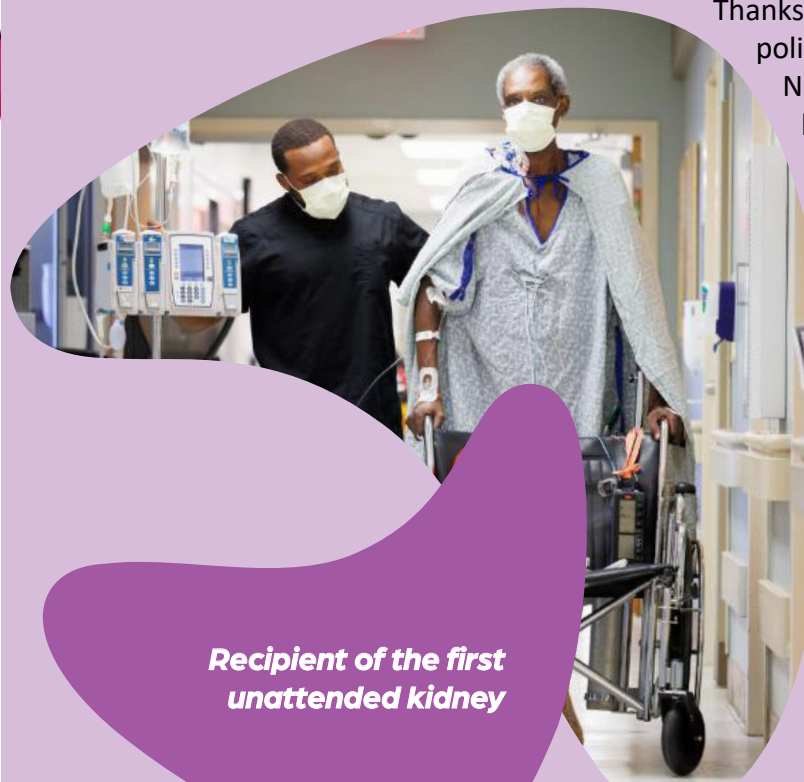


An Industry Leader

KODA works tirelessly to promote initiatives that support organ donation and transplantation because we know each gift of life brings us one step closer to a future without a waitlist.

Thanks to partnerships with hospitals, coroners, funeral homes, policymakers, the Donate Life KY Trust, the Eye Bank of KY, NORA, and the public, we have positioned ourselves as a high-performing OPO and have steadily introduced new innovations to our organization and the field of organ and tissue donation. In 2023, we partnered with UPS to transport the **first-ever kidney on a perfusion pump flown unattended on a commercial flight** and coordinated our **first HOPE Act (HIV donor to HIV recipient) transplant**.

We also worked to set the standard for being an exceptional partner and place to work with our **new customer service standards** and **partnership with Critical Incident Stress Consultants** to support our staff's wellbeing and maintain the highest quality service while maximizing our positive impact on the donation landscape.



Recipient of the first unattended kidney

We're merging with LifeCenter!

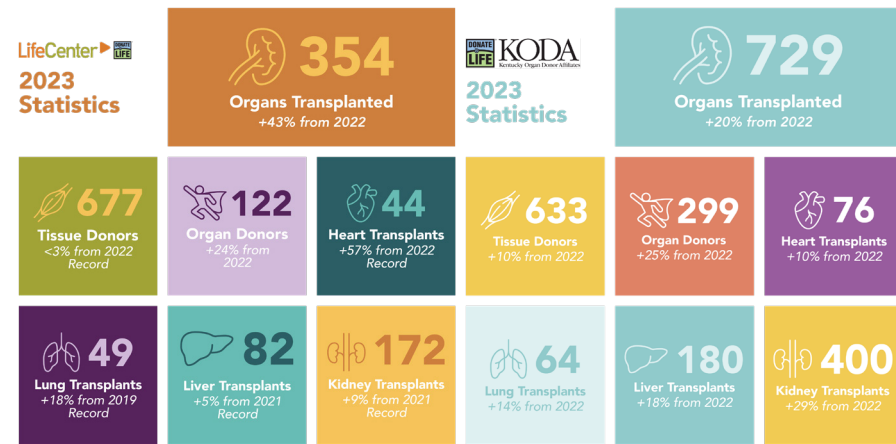


In February of 2024, we publicly announced our intention to merge with LifeCenter Donor Network. This merger of equals will create the 16th largest Organ Procurement Organization in the United States, and our combined organization represents growth and innovation at a crucial juncture when the support provided by both organizations is increasingly vital.

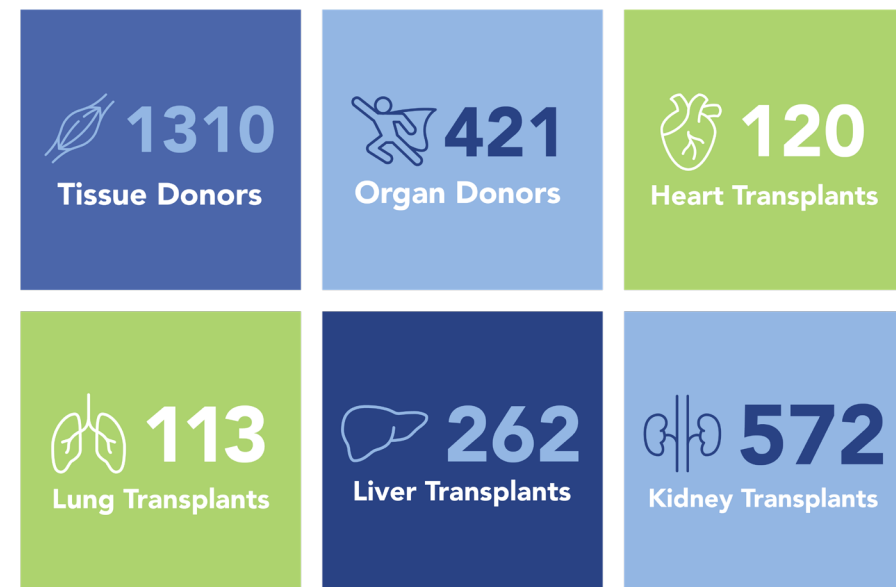
KODA and LifeCenter offer indispensable services to our respective regions, and our merger will revolutionize the landscape of donation.

As two mission-driven OPOs with extensive capabilities in facilitating organ, eye and tissue donation while honoring those who gave, we have both demonstrated positive impacts in improving donation and transplantation in our respective communities. Combined, we will accelerate access to leading-edge donation services created to meet the needs of our communities.

Becoming the 16th Largest OPO



Combined 2023 Statistics



A Proactive, Innovative Partnership

“In this momentous merger between LifeCenter Organ Donor Network and Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates, we are not just merging two organizations, but we are uniting two teams of dedicated professionals,” Barry Massa, LifeCenter Executive Director expressed. “This collaboration marks a new chapter in our shared mission to save lives through organ, eye and tissue donation. We are harnessing the collective strengths, expertise, and compassion of both teams to enhance our services and reach. Together, we stand committed to innovation, excellence, and, most importantly, to making a lasting difference in the lives of those waiting for a miracle. This merger is a pivotal step forward, symbolizing a future where organ, eye and tissue donation becomes more impactful and far-reaching than ever before.”

“As we embark on this exciting journey of merging Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates with LifeCenter Organ Donor Network, our commitment to saving and enhancing lives through organ and tissue donation is stronger than ever,” stated Julie Bergin, KODA President and CEO. “This merger isn’t just about combining resources; it’s a fusion of shared values and a collective vision to revolutionize organ donation and transplantation. Together, we are poised to make a more significant impact, reaching more people and ultimately, turning hope into healing for countless individuals and families. Our united efforts will shape a future where the gift of life is a hopeful and accessible reality for all.”



Announcing Our New Name



When we merge with LifeCenter, together we will become **Network For Hope**. Network For Hope will be a newly formed organization resulting from our merger, positioning us as the 16th largest Organ Procurement Organization in the United States. Set to have a large regional presence, our work will focus on enhancing the organ, tissue, and eye donation process in our service area and broadening the impact of our life-saving mission.

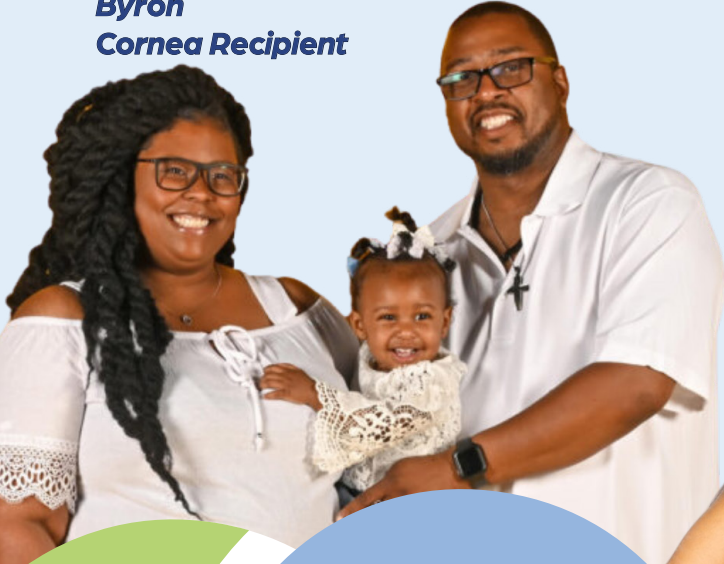
Network For Hope is committed to leading innovations in organ and tissue donation and recovery while remaining deeply rooted in respect for donors and driven by a mission to transform lives.

This new name embodies our organizations' shared mission and values. It underscores our role as a pivotal connection in the donation community and highlights our commitment to facilitating organ, tissue, and eye donation, providing hope through every life touched.

Network For Hope reflects our dedication to bringing people together, saving lives, and honoring every donor, family, and recipient in our extended community.

Transforming Lives Through Organ, Tissue, and Eye Donation

Byron
Cornea Recipient



Steven
Heart Recipient



Henry
Donor Hero



KODA in the Community

KODA believes in the power of community and we are committed to engaging with diverse populations to foster trust and understanding; to provide public education that promotes awareness and dispels myths; and to create opportunities for partnership and volunteering that inspires individuals to register as organ donors.

In 2023, our partnership with Donate Life KY Trust took us into classrooms, colleges, churches, local businesses, and community events where we empowered members of our communities to make informed decisions about registering—fostering a culture of compassion and generosity that will one day help us end the waitlist.

Learn more and get involved at donatelifeky.org/outreach/



KSU 5k



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Ordinary Angels Premiere



Price Elementary Movie Night

Pikeville Area YMCA Healthy Kids Day

You Make an Impact

Your monetary gifts make a difference every day. In 2023, your generosity helped KODA's mission to save, heal, and honor more lives than ever before. For that, we say **thank you!** In 2024, we'll keep striving to enhance processes, working to expand our community connections so we can provide education and hope, and finding new ways to ensure every donor's legacy lives on through the gift of life.

And we can't do it without you.

Your Contribution Saves and Improves Lives

\$25

To Aftercare honors each organ donor's family with a symbolic medallion.



\$50

To Education & Outreach educates 100 students about the lifesaving organ donor registry.



\$100

To Aftercare provides grief support services for a new donor family.



\$25

To Transplant Patient Assistance helps recipients in financial need stay healthy.



So Many Ways to Give

Education & Outreach
Provide Hope



Transplant Patient Assistance
Ease the burden



Aftercare
Comfort the grieving



Ensure your legacy continues to impact the mission for years to come; include us in your planned giving by emailing philanthropy@donatelifeky.org

Become a Volunteer

In 2023, our volunteers gave over 500 hours of their time by supporting over 200 events and facilitating over \$30,000 of monetary gifts. You, too, can help end the waitlist by giving your time to the mission!

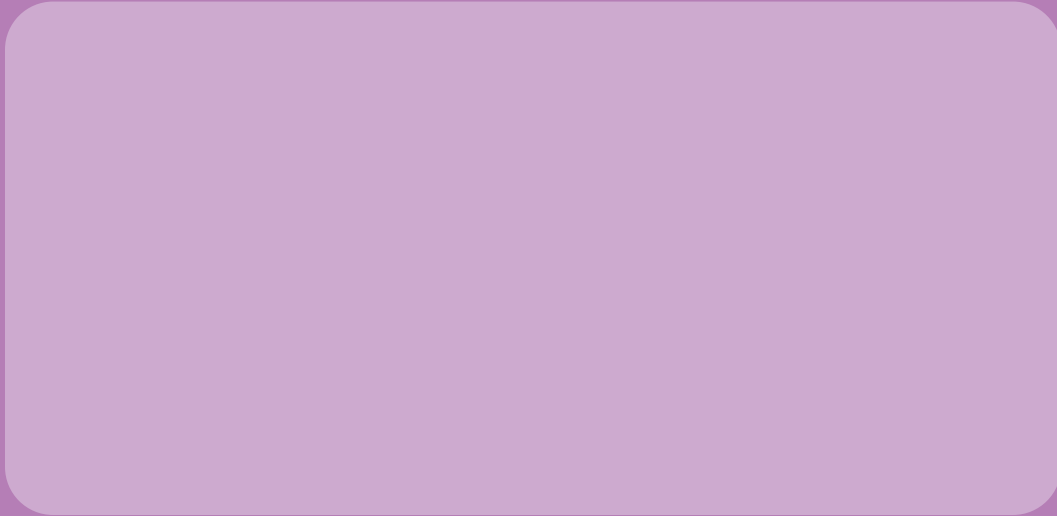
Learn more and become one of our Ambassadors at donatelifeky.org/give-back/#volunteer





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up to

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Restores
sight to

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People

Heals
more than

75

People



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another person is added to the waiting list.

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