

Donating An Organ Is Giving The Gift of Life



Ak-Chin
Indian Community



Gila River
Indian Community



Salt River
Indian Community



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Organ Donation and Transplant: You Can Make A Difference



“Since my transplant, I have a fuller life. I can go back to work. I can support my family. My life since the transplant is a whole lot better.”

—CORNELIUS ENOS
Kidney Recipient
Gila River Indian Community

“I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for the new kidney I got.”

—SIMON VAVAGES
Kidney Recipient
Ak-Chin Indian Community

“I would like to say to any of the donors, that, you know, you’re never forgotten...”

—ETHELEEN OSIF
Kidney Recipient
Salt River Indian Community



Give the Gift of Life: Become An Organ Donor

The Gift of Life: Organ Donation and Transplant

Diabetic kidney disease is a frequent and serious illness in the Salt River, Gila River and Ak-Chin Indian Communities. Many people in our communities suffer from kidney failure because of their diabetes and become dependent on dialysis for survival. A kidney transplant can give them back their life. Our people need your help. Very few of us donate our organs. Yet, the chance of a good match between donor and recipient is far greater from one Native American to another.



—Norma Steele
Gila River Indian Community

“Our Indian value, the value of sharing, comes into the picture...so it is only proper at the time of death that we be able to share our organs.”

—JOHN JACOBS
Gila River Indian
Community



“By donating organs that we no longer need, we’re providing healing power and healing energy to those members in our community who otherwise might not be able to live and lead normal lives.”

—Don Warne, MD



Organ Donation and Transplant Facts

❖ A single donor can help more than 50 people. In addition to kidneys, you can donate:

Heart	Lungs	Intestines
Pancreas	Liver	Corneas
Skin	Tendons	Bone
Heart valves		

❖ You may specify the organs and tissues that you would like to donate.

❖ Nearly anyone can be an organ or tissue donor.

❖ Donation costs nothing to the donor’s family or estate.

The **MOST IMPORTANT PART** of deciding to be a donor is to **SHARE YOUR DECISION WITH YOUR FAMILY.**

Sharing your decision to be a donor now will prevent confusion or uncertainty about your wishes at the time of your death.

Complete and give to your family:

FAMILY NOTIFICATION FORM

Dear _____
(family)

I would like to be an organ and tissue donor. I want you to know my decision because you will be consulted before donation can take place. I wish to donate the following:

any needed organs and tissue
 only the following organs and tissues:

Thank you for honoring my commitment to be an organ and tissue donor.

Donor Signature Date

Complete and keep in your wallet:

UNIFORM DONOR CARD

I, _____, have spoken to my family about organ and tissue donation. The following people have witnessed my commitment to be a donor. I wish to donate the following:

any needed organs and tissue
 only the following organs and tissues: _____

Donor Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____

Witness _____