



THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY

JUNE 4, 2016



BENEFITS OF RAISING FUNDS

1. You are raising money to help bring attention to those who everyday wait for the life saving gift of an organ transplant. Today, over 4,000 people in the Delaware Valley, PA area alone are waiting for a transplant.
2. You are helping yourself by raising funds to allow you to race for free.
3. You will be educating the public about adventure racing and about organ donation awareness as these questions will often be asked when you approach someone for aid. It's a great way to spread news about both these topics.

HOW DO TEAMS RAISE MONEY FOR ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS?

WE ARE ASKING EACH RACER TO RAISE AT LEAST \$50 FOR THIS EVENT.

Adventure racers have a unique opportunity to raise money for organ donor awareness, and race for free! For every \$100 each racer raises, \$20 will be deducted from your registration fee.

Simply ask friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to help sponsor you in the event.

Explain to them that you are doing an adventure race (which will usually lead to the conversation of what is adventure racing – so you get to do some education about the sport)

Ask them to pledge to you a set amount that they feel comfortable with. Fill out the pledge sheet. If they choose to pay by check, ask them to make the check out to "The Transplant Foundation". All pledges go directly to organ donor awareness, and are tax deductible.

Bring your pledge sheet and your collected monies with you to race registration. We will then deduct the appropriate amounts from your registration fee, and a check will be returned to you.

You and your team must pre-register for the race, and pay the entry fee ahead of time. Any funds that should be returned to you will be done so after the race.

FAST FACTS ON ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION

Every day in the United States an average of 17 people die while awaiting organ transplants because of a critical shortage of donors.

During the past 10 years in the United States, the transplant waiting list has more than doubled with more than 81,000 men, women and children now awaiting heart, kidney, liver, lung and pancreas transplants.

More than 4,300 people await transplants in the *Gift of Life Donor Program* service region.

Tens of thousands of others are in need of donated corneas to restore sight, bone and other tissues to repair injured or diseased bones and joints, skin to heal burns, and the heart valves to replace diseased valves.

Each person who decides to become an organ and tissue donor has the potential of saving and enhancing up to 50 lives and taking up to eight people off of the organ transplant waiting list.

One donor can:

- Donate kidneys to free two people from dialysis treatments needed to sustain life.
- Save the lives of patients awaiting heart, liver, lung or pancreas transplants.
- Give sight to two people through the donation of corneas.
- Donate bone to help repair injured joints or to help save an arm or leg threatened by cancer.
- Help burn victims heal more quickly through donation of skin, and provide healthy heart valves for someone whose life is threatened by malfunctioning or diseased valves.

Gift of Life Donor Program, the non-profit agency serving the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware, is responsible for recovering and distributing organs and tissues used in life-saving and life-enhancing transplants.

Founded in 1974 by the Greater Delaware Valley Society of Transplant Surgeons, *Gift of Life* is one of the oldest and largest of 59 non-profit, organ and tissue procurement organizations in the United States. *Gift of Life* is part of the nationwide organ and tissue sharing network run by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

Gift of Life's staff of more than 100 full and part-time clinical and administrative personnel serve 13 area transplant centers where heart, kidney, liver, lung and pancreas transplants are performed. *Gift of Life* maintains the registry of men, women and children in the region who are waiting for life-saving organ transplants at these centers. Currently, there are more than 4,300 patients on the local waiting list for heart, kidney, liver, lung and pancreas transplants.

In addition, *Gift of Life* coordinates life-enhancing tissue transplants for area residents who are in need of corneas for sight-restoring procedures, as well as skin, tissue and bone to repair injuries.

Gift of Life also partners with 161 acute care hospitals to offer families from the state of Delaware, southern New Jersey and the eastern half of Pennsylvania the option of donation.

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RACER NAME _____

PLEDGE SHEET

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY SO WE CAN MAIL YOU A RECEIPT

NAME	ADDRESS/PHONE	AMOUNT PLEDGED	METHOD (CASH/CHECK)

Make checks payable to “The Transplant Foundation”