



News Release

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**Columbus Community Hospital encourages organ and tissue donation  
during Donate Life Month**

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**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – Columbus Community Hospital is proud to join Live On Nebraska to celebrate Donate Life Month.

Donate Life Month is a national observance that shares the importance of registering to be a donor, honors deceased and living donors, and recognizes the lifesaving and healing gift of transplantation.

Live On Nebraska is an organization dedicated to transforming lives through organ and tissue donation.

In honor of Donate Life Month, CCH will join hospitals across the state in raising a Donate Life flag to honor donors, recognize recipients who received the gift of hope and kick off National Donate Life Month.

The Donate Life flag was first introduced in 2006. Since then, it has become a national symbol of unity, remembrance and hope, honoring those touched by donation and transplantation. During the past 15 years, 50,000 Donate Life flags have flown across America.

“Here at Columbus Community Hospital, we often see families as they suffer a tragic loss of their loved one,” said Theresa Hilton, outreach services director at Columbus Community Hospital. “If at that moment there is the opportunity to help someone else, it can often bring comfort to those family members.”

Every individual has the potential to save and heal 100 people by donating organs and tissues, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, pancreas, small intestine, corneas, bone, skin, tendons, veins and heart valves.

Last year in Nebraska, 72 deceased organ donors, 22 living donors, 670 tissue donors and 264 birth tissue donors gave the gift of life. More than 300 recipients received an organ transplant, and thousands received tissue transplants.



Right now, more than 100,000 people nationwide are waiting for a lifesaving transplant; over 300 are right here in Nebraska.

CCH encourages Nebraskans to register as donors this month. Anyone age 16 or older can register as an organ and tissue donor — age, health and lifestyle do not limit an individual's ability to register. You can register online anytime at [LiveOnNebraska.org](https://LiveOnNebraska.org).

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### **About Live On Nebraska**

Live On Nebraska is dedicated to transforming lives through organ and tissue donation. We are a conduit for transplantation, partnering with hospitals in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County, Iowa, to facilitate the recovery of organs and tissues from those who choose to donate life. We work around the clock to provide hope and healing to donor families and recipients and end the wait for more than 110,000+ Americans in need of a lifesaving transplant. Learn more about our mission and register as a donor at [LiveOnNebraska.org](https://LiveOnNebraska.org).