



Two families — one heart.

Sumer (left) listens to Jaxsen's (right) heart beating. Her son, Mykkahh, was a hero of donation and gave Jaxsen, pictured with his mom, Jennifer (center), a second chance at life at just 16 months old.

IMPACT REPORT



saving and healing lives for 40 years

ABOUT LIFELINE OF OHIO

Established in 1984, Lifeline of Ohio is an independent, nonprofit organ procurement organization (OPO) whose purpose is to promote and coordinate the donation of human organs, eyes and tissues for transplant. We are designated as an OPO by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As a licensed tissue bank, Lifeline of Ohio's tissue recovery services are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

- The need for registered donors is **urgent**.
- **Once every 48 hours, an Ohioan dies** waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. In the past 10 years, 1,825 Ohioans have died waiting.
- Today, there are more than **100,000 people on the national transplant waiting list**, including more than 2,400 in Ohio.
- Registering your decision to donate is critical. In 2023, **182 people in Lifeline of Ohio's service area donated organs** at the time of their deaths, resulting in **445 lives saved**.



Lanie, a cornea recipient

Mission

To save and heal lives through the gift of donation.

Vision

To lead organ, eye and tissue donation, changing lives and empowering communities.

Values

Collaborate.

We value the expertise of our teams, partners and community and are stronger when we work together.

Act with Compassion.

We model cultural humility and lead with the consciousness of others in all we do.

Strive for Excellence.

We improve every day and aspire to the highest level of performance.

Inspire Innovation.

We embrace change and seek opportunities to solve problems.

Champion Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

We commit to value differences and break down systemic barriers to improve lives in our organization and the communities we serve.

HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Recover organs and tissues for transplantation

- Save and heal lives through organ, eye and tissue procurement
- Provide education and resources to hospitals, BMVs, community partners, funeral homes and the general public to improve the donation process
- Acquire placenta donations for healing grafts

2023
Donation
Facts

182
Organ Donors

1,004
Tissue and Cornea Donors

587
Placenta Donors

Care for donor families and honor legacies

- Provide comfort and support to donor families through aftercare services, such as counseling resources and workshops, grief materials and the Shawls of Support program
- Build legacies to honor heroes of donation through shadowboxes, remembrance quilts and special memorial events
- Honor heroes of donation on Lifeline of Ohio's Donor Memorial

Advocate for donation in the community

Spread the donation message at community events and public schools in 38 counties in OH and 2 in WV

Expand multicultural outreach to empower all communities to make informed decisions

Build partnerships with community organizations to advocate for donation

GIVE

Financial contributions support donor family aftercare services, community outreach, donation education and general operations of Lifeline of Ohio. Give online at lifelineofohio.org/contribute.

Give by mail:

Lifeline of Ohio
ATTN: Contributions
770 Kinnear Road
Columbus, OH 43212

PARTNER

Lifeline of Ohio invites your company, hospital or organization to join us in raising awareness of the need for organ, eye and tissue donation. We offer free materials to help you share the message of donation with your friends, colleagues and community.

If you are interested in sponsoring an event or partnering with Lifeline of Ohio, please contact our Senior Development Specialist at development@lifelineofohio.org.

VOLUNTEER

Lifeline of Ohio volunteers play a tremendous role as Donate Life Ambassadors in our efforts to spread the message of donation.

Interested in volunteering? Visit lifelineofohio.org/volunteer.



Laura, a patient waiting



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