



Check Yes to Organ & Tissue Donation

As you are reading this, over 123,000 people in the United States are waiting for a lifesaving organ; nearly 12,000 of those waiting are our fellow New Yorkers. Thousands more are waiting for life enhancing tissue and eye donations. There exists a tremendous need for New Yorkers to designate themselves as organ, eye and tissue donors by enrolling in the New York Donate Life Registry. By doing so, you are giving legal consent for the recovery of your organs, tissues and eyes for the purposes of transplantation and research at the time of your death. To check yes and become an organ and tissue donor today, follow these important steps. Please remember that signing the back of your Driver's License is not enough! Although it is an act in support of donation, it does not enroll you in the electronic statewide database readily accessible by hospitals and procurement organizations.

STEP 1 | Tell your family of your intention to donate. This is the most important step.

STEP 2 | Visit www.unyts.org/checkyes to register or call 716.853.6667 to have an enrollment card mailed to you. You can also register at your local Auto Bureau.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Approximately 74 organ transplants take place every day in the United States.
- On average, 118 people are added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list each day—one every 10 minutes.
- Sadly, an average of 22 patients die every day, simply because the organ they needed did not become available in time.
- More than 1 million tissue transplants are performed each year, but the surgical need for tissue continues to rise.

Community Blood Service

Just as the Gift of Life can take the form of a life-saving organ, it can also take the form of a critical blood transfusion, and Unyts is the organization offering Western New Yorkers the opportunity to save and enhance the lives of neighbors – whether through organ, eye, tissue or community blood donation. In 2005, Unyts was approached by area hospitals looking for a cost-effective alternative for purchasing blood. By collecting, processing and distributing all the blood locally, Unyts' Community Blood Service has already saved local hospitals over \$10 million.

Since beginning collections in June 2007, Unyts has become the primary supplier of blood products for ECMC, Kaleida Health, and all the hospitals in Niagara and Wyoming Counties. Our local hospitals need to maintain an adequate supply of blood for emergency situations and it is up to Unyts and the generosity of our donors to help provide safe levels of blood inventory.

Donate the Right Type for Your Type

Whatever type of donation you choose, you save lives. Based on your blood type, personal characteristics and, often, where the need is greatest, you can ensure you make the most of your valuable gift of blood. While a whole blood donation can be made every 56 days, you can also donate just one part of your blood- red blood cells or platelets- and provide even more of the life-saving gifts patients need.

Whole Blood Donation

Who needs it?

The very young, from the tiniest of preemies in a hospital's neonatal unit, to elderly patients suffering from a blood disorder, all need whole blood.

Why give it?

A whole blood donation can be made every 56 days, and with each donation you are potentially saving the lives of up to 3 patients.

What types are needed?

All types!

Platelet Donation

Who needs it?

Platelets are needed by leukemia and cancer patients, those undergoing cardiac surgery, burn victims and people with bleeding disorders. Approximately 12 million units of platelets are transfused in the United States each year.

Why give it?

Platelets have a very short life span and can only be stored for five days after donation. The platelets you donate are usually replaced within approximately 24 hours. Consequently, you can donate every two weeks. Platelet donation takes approximately two hours.

What types are needed?

A+, B+, AB+

Double Red Cell Donation

Who needs it?

Red blood cells are the most needed blood component. 14 million units are transfused every year in the US. They are often the difference between life and death for trauma victims and those undergoing surgery. People with anemia, low hematocrit levels due to Cancer or kidney diseases, and sickle cell disease also need red blood cells.

Why give it?

More lives will be saved because two units can be safely collected at one donation. A double red cell donation typically takes 60 minutes, and can be done every 112 days. Three annual donations will provide the same number of life-saving red cell transfusions as six visits.

What types are needed?

O+, O-, A-, B-

DONOR *for* LIFE

Donate Blood, Earn Points, Get Rewards!

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOOD DONATION CENTERS

Tonawanda Donation Center
96 Niagara Street
Tonawanda, NY

Southgate Plaza
1000 Union Road
West Seneca, NY

Eastern Hills Mall
4545 Transit Road
Williamsville, NY
(located across from the DMV)

Unyts Headquarters
110 Broadway
Buffalo, NY

Whole Blood, Double-Red Cells and Platelets Collected
Please call 716.512.7940 or visit www.unyts.org and click on
DONATE BLOOD to find a drive near you.

Volunteer

Sign up to volunteer! Unyts offers training and opportunities for volunteers with a wide variety of interests. Our volunteers have helped with special events, supported blood drives, raised awareness of organ, eye and tissue donation, and coordinated donor registration campaigns. Unyts also provides opportunities for student internships and service learning projects. For more information and to sign up, please contact our volunteer coordinator at 716.566.3929 or visit the "Get Involved" page at www.unyts.org.

Financial Support

As a non-for-profit Unyts depends on financial assistance, from supporters like you, to help educate the community about the importance of registering as a donor and giving back through blood donation. You have the opportunity to help this lifesaving work in a variety of ways including event sponsorship, auctions, memorial donations, basket raffles and annual gifts.

To learn more about fundraising for Unyts or to make a tax-deductible donation please contact Amity Mann at amann@unyts.org or 716.512.7956, or visit www.unyts.org and click on Support Unyts.








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Get the Facts

Community Blood Donation








-  One pint of blood can save up to three lives.
-  One in seven people entering a hospital needs blood.
-  Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds.
-  37% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood- only 10% do annually.
-  As WNY's only community blood bank it is our responsibility to answer the call for blood at our local hospitals, including Kaleida Health, ECMC, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and Wyoming County, and ensure that we are providing an adequate supply for patients in need.
-  In 2015 Unyts had over 24,000 presenting blood & platelet donors, for a total of over 164,000 donors since June 2007.
-  To find a blood drive near you please visit www.unyts.org, **DONATE BLOOD.**

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WNY's only organ, eye, tissue & community blood center.

Get the Facts

Organ, Eye & Tissue Donation

-  A single donor can save or enhance the lives of up to 50 people.
-  Nearly 124,000 individuals are awaiting transplants. 10% are from New York State.
-  Approximately 74 organ transplants take place everyday in the U.S.
-  Sadly, an average of 22 people die each day because an organ was not made available for transplant.
-  More than 1 million tissue transplants are performed each year, but the surgical need for tissue continues to increase.
-  90% of Americans say they support donation, but only 30% know the essential steps to becoming a donor.
-  To enroll as a donor please visit www.unyts.org/checkyes.

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