



LifeCenter Northwest is one of the 58 federally-designated non-profit organ procurement organizations (OPO) in the United States. LifeCenter Northwest saves and enhances lives by facilitating the recovery of organs and tissues in Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington. By educating the community about the need and the importance for people to register their donation decisions on our registry site, we hope to help the more than 100,000 people waiting for a transplant.

Mission	LifeCenter Northwest is dedicated to saving and enhancing lives through the recovery of organs and tissues for transplant.
Established	January, 1997.
Employees	75
Service Area	LifeCenter Northwest serves around 7.7 million people, spread throughout Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington. LifeCenter Northwest works collaboratively with over 220 hospitals and serves the largest geographic area of any organ procurement organization.
Website	www.lcnw.org

LifeCenter Northwest Services

Organ Recovery Services:

- On-site referral response to hospitals.
- Evaluation of patient’s medical suitability for donation.
- Management of the patient’s care through the allocation and recovery of organs and tissues.
- Placement of organs, working with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).
- Coordination of transplant teams’ transportation and arrival at donor hospital.
- Surgical recovery and transportation of organs.

Tissue Recovery Services:

- Telephone referral response
- Evaluation of patient’s medical suitability for donation.
- Surgical recovery and transportation of tissues.

Hospital Development:

- Development of strong relationships between hospitals and LifeCenter Northwest.
- Assistance for hospital compliance with federal and state laws regarding donation.
- Ongoing education of hospital staff on donation laws and programs.
- Support of donor families throughout the donation process.
- Acts as a conduit for donor family member and recipient communication.

Community Relations:

- Ensure donation decisions are granted by maintaining the donor registry, a confidential database of donation decisions to be carried out at the time of death.
- Support the Department of Licensing by providing staff training and donation registry information.

- Provide educational programs to high school students before they are asked about donation when they get their drivers license.
- Provide outreach programs in diverse communities.
- Provide the public a direct line to donation professionals who can answer questions.
- Work as a resource to the media to accurately report donation stories.
- Raise funds to support public education programs.

Donate Life Today Registry

The Donate Life Today Registry which is maintained by LifeCenter Northwest is

LifeCenter Northwest manages the organ, eye, and tissue donor registry for Montana and Washington. It is a confidential database of personal donation decisions to be carried out at the time of death.

How to become a registered donor in Montana and Washington

- Register online at www.lcnw.com
- Call toll-free at 1-877-275-5269 and request a brochure to fill out and return.
- Say YES to organ, eye, and tissue donation when you renew your driver's license. Residents who already have a heart on their driver's license are automatically added to the donor registry.

How to become a registered donor in Alaska

- Register online at www.alaskadonorregistry.org
- Call toll-free at 1-800-719-5433 and request a brochure to fill out and return.
- Say YES to organ, eye, and tissue donation when you renew your driver's license. Residents who already have a heart on their driver's license are automatically added to the Alaska Donor Registry.

How to become a registered donor in Idaho

- Register online at www.yesidaho.org
- Call the Idaho Donor Registry toll-free at 1-866-937-4324
- Say YES to organ, eye, and tissue donation when you renew your driver's license. Residents who already have the word DONOR on their driver's license are automatically added to the Idaho Donor Registry.

Facts and Figures

- One organ, eye, and tissue donor can save or enhance the lives of over 50 people.
- More than 100,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life saving organ transplant, including almost 1,600 of our Northwest neighbors.
- Sadly, 18 people die each day waiting for a life saving organ transplant.
- In 2009, LifeCenter Northwest facilitated 119 organ donors and 154 tissue donors, saving the lives of 369 people.
- Since its inception, LifeCenter Northwest has saved more than 7,000 lives- and enhanced thousands more- through donation and transplantation.

LifeCenter Northwest Leadership

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Frequently Asked Questions

What organs, eyes, and tissues can I donate?

Transplantable organs, eyes, and tissues include: heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, small intestine, heart valves, skin, bone, connective tissue, veins, eyes, and corneas.

Why should I consider being a donor?

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Who runs the registry?

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What if I want to make limitations on what I am willing to donate or have changed my mind about being a donor?

If you would like to make limitations, you may do so in two ways. If you have internet access, visit www.lcnw.org and create a record reflecting your decisions. This new record will replace any older records. You can also request a brochure to fill out and mail back by calling 1-877-275-5269 or pick one up at any Department of Licensing or vehicle licensing office. For removals please call 1-877-275-5269.

What if I have more questions?

If you have questions or need information

- Email: info@lcnw.org
- Phone (toll free): 1-877-275-5269
- Visit our website at: www.lcnw.org