



Michigan Department of State

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson

Organ donor registry surges!

One donor can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of 50 people.

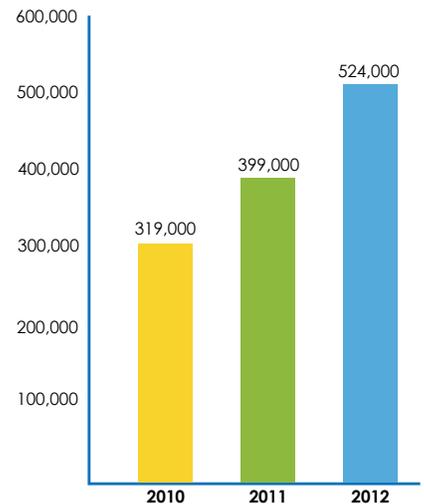
After Secretary of State Ruth Johnson launched her campaign in 2011 to boost the number of people on the state's organ donor registry, the numbers are soaring.

A key part of that effort is a new policy directing branch employees to invite customers to join the registry. This strategy has been significant, with nearly one million people joining the registry in less than two years!

Michigan has over three million registered donors.
3,100 people are waiting for a transplant.

To add your name to the organ donor registry, visit a Secretary of State branch office or go online to **ExpressSOS.com**, the online, no wait Secretary of State where over 45,000 people have signed up for the registry with a simple click.

Donor Registry Growth



The number of new donor registrations were 64.5 percent higher in 2012 compared with 2010, the year before Secretary of State Ruth Johnson took office.



New license plate takes awareness on the road

The Donate Life plate is yet another tool in Secretary Johnson's mission to support organ donation. On cars, they are a mobile billboard to

help create awareness. To order: Go to **Michigan.gov/SOS** and click on "Owning a Vehicle" to get a form, or visit an SOS office.

Michigan gets national award

Last October, Donate Life America presented the "Greatest Improvement in Donor Designation Rate" award to Michigan at a Donate Life conference in Texas. Michigan was one of four states to receive the special award.

I am. Are you?

One simple question offers a "call to action"

April is **National Donate Life Month** and Michigan is energizing its efforts with a new dynamic message that pulls people into the conversation. The subtle "I am. Are you?" message underscores the humanity and purpose behind organ donation and is part of the

state's ongoing effort to rally Michigan residents around the organ donation cause. On April 9, which is Donate Life Day in the state, approximately 300 volunteers from Gift of Life Michigan, the Michigan Eye-Bank, and the Lions of Michigan will visit nearly every Secretary of State office to tell their stories and say, "I am. Are you?"



Jai'wan Davis-Harbour (center) received a life-saving kidney transplant last year. He is pictured here with Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, his mother and sister.

What is the Michigan Organ Donor Registry?

The registry is a confidential database of residents who wish to be organ and tissue donors. It is maintained by the Secretary of State and can only be accessed by Gift of Life Michigan and the Michigan Eye-Bank to assist hospitals in the recovery and transplantation of organs and tissue.

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