Lifebanc saves and heals lives through organ, eye and tissue donation for transplantation.

Scan this QR code with a QR code reader to find out more about Lifebanc.
YOU HAVE THE POWER to SAVE LIVES!
Learning about organ, eye and tissue donation is an important step in growing up!

Soon, you’ll be asked if you’d like to be an organ donor and our hope is that you’ll be able to make your decision easily with the information you were given today!

A note to parents:

Today in school, your child learned about the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation. We have encouraged them to talk to you about what they learned! If you would like to learn more, please visit www.lifebanc.org.
WHO IS LIFEBANC?

Lifebanc is the Northeast Ohio non-profit organization supporting organ, eye and tissue donation.

125,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant

1 organ donor can save and heal 8 lives

28,548 people
Average number of people saved each year by an organ transplant

22 people die each day because an organ is unavailable

1 PERSON = 50 LIVES healed through tissue donation
**HOW IT WORKS**

Who can donate?

**2%**

2% of all deaths in the U.S. meet brain death criteria and are candidates for **organ** and **tissue** donation.

**BRAIN DEATH**
- All brain tissue is dead
- No blood flow to the brain
- No electrical activity is present in the brain
- Could be a candidate for organ donation
- Brain death is **not** a coma

**DEATH BY CARDIAC FAILURE**
- Heart has stopped beating
- Lungs have stopped functioning
- All brain activity has ceased
- Vital organs quickly become unusable for transplantation
- Could be a candidate for tissue or eye donation

**98%**

98% of all deaths in the U.S. are due to cardiac failure and are candidates for **tissue** donation.

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The Organ Donation Process

DEATH OCCURS

TRAUMATIC ACCIDENT

Hospital calls Lifebanc to evaluate the patient’s ability to be an organ donor.

Lifebanc’s family support coordinator meets with family to discuss their loved ones wishes.

Organs are recovered and transported to a transplant hospital.

Receipient is prepped for surgery.

Lifebanc continues to support donor families for at least 2 years.
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NUMBER OF HOURS AN ORGAN CAN BE OUT OF A BODY BEFORE TRANSPLANTATION:

- **Heart**: 4-6 hours
- **Lungs**: 4-6 hours
- **Liver**: 10 hours
- **Kidneys**: 24 hours

Each of these can save or heal a life.
There are many misconceptions related to organ, eye and tissue donation. We’re here to tell you the facts!

Myth: If the hospital knows I want to be a donor, the doctors won’t try to save my life.
FACT: Doctors and nurses have one thing in mind: to save your life. They take a legal oath and actually do not know if you’re registered or not.

Myth: I can’t be an organ donor because my religion is against it.
FACT: Most religions support organ, eye and tissue donation as the ultimate charitable gift.

Myth: I don’t have my driver’s license yet, so I’m not old enough to be a donor.
FACT: People of all ages, from babies to senior citizens, can be candidates for donation. You can register to be a donor at any age if you get a State ID, but until you are 15-1/2 or get your first driver’s license, you will not be able to join the Ohio Donor Registry without your parent’s/guardians permission. However, you can tell your family, especially your mom, dad or guardian, that you want to be a donor. They will be the ones to give permission for donation to take place until you are 18 years old.

Myth: If you’re rich and famous, you can buy an organ or jump ahead of others on the transplant waiting list.
FACT: Matches are made on blood type, tissue type, size, medical status, time on waiting list and geographic location. Being a celebrity or having money is never considered.

Myth: If my organs or tissue are removed, there can’t be an open casket funeral.
FACT: For most cases, an open casket funeral is possible. The doctors treat the body with great care and respect during the removal of the organs and tissue.

Myth: My parents will have to pay a lot of money if my organs are donated.
FACT: Your family does not pay for organ, eye and tissue donation. The family will only pay for medical expenses before death and funeral expenses.
When Kaylyn was born, she was a healthy and happy baby. However, several weeks later, her family learned she had a rare life-threatening liver disease that required a liver transplant.

At just 7 months old, the Butlers received the call that a liver was available for Kaylyn. Now, Kaylyn is your typical healthy 10-year-old girl who spends her days boxing, cheering, dancing and playing the guitar.

When P.J. was 12 years old, his life changed in an instant after friends fell on his leg during a game of pickup football. His leg pain eventually revealed a cancerous tumor was growing around his knee and would require surgery.

Surgeons successfully removed P.J.’s tumor and replaced his knee with bone from a tissue donor. After months of chemotherapy and physical therapy, P.J. is now able to stand, walk, run and roller-blade thanks to his generous donor.
Drew was a 13-year-old boy who was always joking, laughing, and liked making others laugh, too. He loved soccer, basketball, video games and crab legs. He had just finished an 8th grade basketball game and was at an open gym soccer practice when he suddenly collapsed. After multiple attempts at CPR, Drew was unresponsive and never regained a heartbeat.

After his death, the medical examiner said Drew’s coronary artery clamped shut, stopping oxygen to his heart. This came as a shock to his parents, as Drew had no prior issues or symptoms.

Drew was unable to be an organ donor, but he was a candidate for eye and tissue donation. Both of his corneas were donated and the sight of two recipients was restored. Drew donated his right pulmonary artery to a 2-month-old baby in Missouri and three people have also received healing bone and connective tissue transplants as a result of Drew’s donation.

Drew’s legacy lives on not only in the lives he saved through donation, but in his family and friends. Many of Drew’s friends are now of driving age and, because of him, have registered to be organ, eye and tissue donors.

To read more stories, visit lifebanc.org.
1. ___________ people are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.
2. ___________ people die each day because an organ isn’t available.
3. One tissue donor has the potential to heal ____________ lives.
4. A _________ can be out of the body before transplantation for 10 hours.
5. A _______________ transplant helps patients with cystic fibrosis or emphysema.
6. When a patient with diabetes receives a _______________ transplant, it eliminates the need for insulin.

Don’t forget to ask your parents if they have a heart on their driver’s license!

POPC QUIZ

WORD “BANC” ANSWERS:

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answers can be found on page 6 in the Organ Man graphic.

ACROSS
3. Used to replace diseased heart valves
6. Used in joint injuries
9. Eliminates need for dialysis for patients with end-stage renal disease
10. Used to replace diseased arteries
11. For patients with end-stage heart disease

DOWN
1. For patients with cystic fibrosis or emphysema
2. For treating diabetes, eliminates need for insulin injections
4. Restores sight to those with corneal damage
5. Used in limb-saving procedures, spinal or oral surgery
7. The temporary ‘human bandage’ for burn victims - promotes healing
8. For patients with end-stage liver disease