

# Media Release

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## ONTARIO SETS ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR REGISTRATION RECORD

TORONTO – More than 89,000 Ontarians registered their consent for organ and tissue donation between July 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015, setting a new record for registrations in one quarter. Since the province adopted an affirmative registry in 2008, Trillium Gift of Life Network has seen a significant increase to the registration rate, growing from 16 per cent to 28 per cent today. Currently, 3.34 million individuals in Ontario are registered organ and tissue donors.

Every day 1,600 people in this province are waiting for a lifesaving call, making registering consent vital. When TGLN coordinators share with a family that their loved one wished to be a donor and had registered consent, families in the majority of cases fulfill their loved one's wish to give the gift of life. Between July 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015 there were 255 organ transplants in Ontario.

Registration rates vary widely across the province. Nearly 1,000 individuals register each day and over 90 per cent of those come through a ServiceOntario office, either in-person when renewing a driver's license or health card, or by mail. Registration data is available for 179 communities across the province at <https://beadonor.ca/scoreboard>

Media are invited to contact Trillium Gift of Life Network or visit [www.giftoflife.on.ca](http://www.giftoflife.on.ca) for more information on organ and tissue donation in Ontario.

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