Trillium Gift of Life Network, supported by strong collaboration from its partners, has evolved into an internationally recognized leader in organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

In the years ahead, together we will strive to save more lives, extending our performance in areas where results are already strong and innovating where there are new opportunities for growth and improvement.

As Trillium Gift of Life Network transitions into Ontario Health, it will bring to the new agency proven success in delivering quality, integrated care and services to patients and their families. Having proudly fulfilled our previous long-term vision: to be a world-class leader, we now move forward with a new vision:

**No Ontarian Dies on the Waitlist Due to Lack of an Organ or Tissue.**

Together with the Board of Ontario Health and our partners, we look ahead to achieving our shared purpose of:

*Engaging all Ontarians in Embracing Organ and Tissue Donation as a Personal Responsibility.*

## Transplant Highlights

- **1,221 transplants** from deceased and living donors
- **Advancements in antiviral therapy** enabled 76 patients to receive organs from hepatitis C positive donors
- **Changes made to the deceased kidney donor allocation algorithm** giving higher priority to living organ donors
- **Developed waitlist management and allocation principles** for fresh tissue and heart valves with provincial tissue banks to enable equitable allocation of tissues to patients
- **Initiated development of a new program with UHN to utilize hearts from donors after death by circulatory determination (DCD)**

- **With the Ontario Renal Network (ORN), advanced provincial strategy to increase living donor kidney transplantation** by developing new education resources, aiding the local quality improvement teams, expanding the Transplant Ambassador Program and improving data quality and analytics to inform local improvement initiatives
- **Launched a 3-year provincial pilot project** with University Health Network and London Health Science Centre to gather evidence on whether a change to the current listing criteria for patients with alcohol related liver disease is required

Kate celebrates the 10th anniversary of her double lung transplant.
Organ Donation Highlights

96% routine notification rate
82% eligible approach rate
58% conversion rate
3.22 organ yield

• 12 Medical Assistance in Dying patients became organ donors and 90 became tissue donors

• Enhanced protocol for non perfused lung donation and planning for expansion to additional sites

• Building protocol for heart recovery following DCD

• Third hospital donation performance metric launched: eligible approach rate (measures timeliness of the hospital’s referral enabling approach for family consent); 82% in first year

Dr. Andrew Healey, Chief Medical Officer, Donation

331 deceased organ donors
119 DCD donors - NEW RECORD!

27 hospital corporations met or exceeded the target Provincial Conversion Rate (63%):

• Brant Community Healthcare System
• Cambridge Memorial Hospital
• Chatham-Kent Health Alliance
• Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario
• Grand River Hospital
• Grey Bruce Health Services
• Guelph General Hospital
• Hamilton Health Sciences
• Health Sciences North
• Hôpital Montfort
• Joseph Brant Hospital
• Lakeridge Health
• London Health Sciences Centre
• Markham Stouffville Hospital
• North Bay Regional Health Centre
• North York General Hospital
• Orillia Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital
• Queensway Carleton Hospital
• Quinte Health Care
• Sinai Health System
• Southlake Regional Health Centre
• St. Joesph’s Health Centre
• St. Mary’s General Hospital
• St. Michael’s Hospital
• St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital
• The Ottawa Hospital
• Windsor Regional Hospital
**Tissue Donation Highlights**

- **2,470** ocular tissue donors
- **221** multi-tissue donations

- **118** bone donations
- **65** skin donations
- **38** heart valve donations

- **NEW RECORD!**

- **Coroner’s Referral Program now province wide** and expanded the Paramedic Referral Program to two additional services

- **Routine notification expanded** to four additional hospital sites.

- **Recruited Ocular Tissue Recovery Coordinators** and provided redesigned training program as part of the consolidation of ocular tissue recovery under Trillium Gift of Life Network

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**The gift of sight that gave Jon Braun a second chance at life**

It was the summer before Jon Braun’s final year of high school when his vision in one eye became blurry and distorted. He spent the next year confused, and was eventually diagnosed with keratoconus – a progressive eye disease in which the usually round cornea thins and develops into a cone-like shape.

Jon was first fitted with hard contacts that improved his vision, but were very painful, especially for daily wear.

After six years of living through the pain of his hard contacts, another specialist recommended a cornea transplant.

Due to the long healing process, the cornea transplants would be done one eye at a time.

In 1981, Jon had his first cornea transplant, and two years later, he had surgery on his second eye.

Thanks to a generous donor and their gift of sight, Jon was able to return to school and start his career.

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*Trillium Gift of Life Network tissue recovery training*  
*Jon Braun, Double cornea recipient*
Registration Highlights

More than 218,900 new registrations

Reached a total of 4.2 million registered donors

Increased registration rate to 34%

- 2,280,000 reach on Facebook
- 25.5 million impressions on Twitter

QUICK FACT: 41% of organ donors and 43% of tissue donors were formally registered through Ontario’s donor registry

- Supported nearly 200 community events promoting donor registration across the province
- Executed direct mail campaign targeted at Red & White health card holders, who have a significantly lower registration rate than photo health card holders. Generated more than 4,600 new registrations

Quality, Information Management and Research Highlights

- Found to be fully compliant with Health Canada’s regulatory requirements after tri-annual inspection
- Conducted rigorous RFP process to select a vendor to replace TOTAL, Trillium Gift of Life Network’s mission critical organ waitlist management and allocation system
- Successful audits of Trillium Gift of Life Network’s ocular and multi-tissue recovery processes by the tissue banks
- In collaboration with researchers, advanced evidence-based practice and innovation, Trillium Gift of Life Network provided 16 consultations and completed 25 complex data and research requests

Ottawa City Councillor George Darouze with advocates David and Lyn Presley at BeADonor Month Proclamation

Trillium Gift of Life Network Provincial Resource Centre