

# Media Advisory

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## More than 50,000 Ontarians are added to the organ donor registry

TORONTO – From April 1 to June 30, 2017 52,673 people registered their consent for organ and tissue donation. During this reporting period, on average, every day 579 people joined the growing list of 3.8 million Ontarians who have registered to give the gift of life.

Updated registration data, released today by Trillium Gift of Life Network, is available at [www.BeADonor.ca](http://www.BeADonor.ca).

As of June 30, 2017 31 per cent of the eligible population are registered in Ontario, and in 20 of the 170 communities in Ontario their registration rate has met or exceeded 50 per cent.

	COMMUNITY	REGISTRATION RATE
1	North Bay	55 per cent
2	Parry Sound	55 per cent
3	Kincardine	53 per cent
4	Sudbury	53 per cent
5	Espanola	52 per cent
6	Nipissing South	52 per cent
7	Bracebridge	52 per cent
8	Parry Sound North Shore	52 per cent
9	Nipissing North	52 per cent
10	Fort Frances	51 per cent
11	Parry Sound Mid Shore	51 per cent
12	Ingersoll	51 per cent
13	Owen Sound	51 per cent
14	New Hamburg	50 per cent
15	Timmins	50 per cent
16	Timmins Region	50 per cent
17	Lambton County	50 per cent
18	Sturgeon Falls	50 per cent
19	Penetanguishene	50 per cent
20	Rockland	50 per cent

Find out how your community is doing by visiting [www.BeADonor.ca/scoreboard](http://www.BeADonor.ca/scoreboard).

**FAST FACTS:**

- Donor cards are no longer in use. Register and learn more about donation at [www.BeADonor.ca](http://www.BeADonor.ca).
- Today there are 1,500 people waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and every three days someone will die waiting.
- Everyone is a potential organ and tissue donor. To date, the oldest Canadian organ donor was 92 and the oldest tissue donor was over 100.

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*Trillium Gift of Life Network is a not-for-profit agency of the Government of Ontario responsible for planning, promoting, coordinating and supporting organ and tissue donation for transplantation across Ontario and improving the system so that more lives can be saved.*