



## APRIL 2010 NATIONAL DONOR DESIGNATION REPORT CARD Highlights

- More than 106,000 people in the United States are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants. A million more suffer conditions that can be successfully treated with donated corneas or tissue.
- Approximately 97 percent of all registered donors record their wishes at the DMV.
- At the end of 2009, 86.3 million people were enrolled in state donor registries, representing 37.1 percent of U.S. residents age 18 and older.
- In the 26 states and the District of Columbia that were able to track donor designation rates in Q4 2009, 35.8 percent of DMV drivers license and ID card applicants signed up as donors.
- The reported number of donors in the United States in 2009 who had joined their state donor registry before their death included:
  - 2,254 organ donors or 28.4 percent of the total in the reporting states (vs. 25.2 percent in 2008).
  - 9,183 tissue donors or 29.6 percent of the total in the reporting states (vs. 27.2 percent in 2008).
  - 15,882 eye donors or approximately 37.6 percent of the total in the reporting states, (vs. 32.8 percent of the total, in 2008).
- A challenge we still face is that 52 percent of people incorrectly believe that doctors may not try as hard to save their lives if their wish to be an organ or tissue donor is known.\*
- A sign of hope is that a majority of U.S. adults now wish to be organ or tissue donors – 56 percent versus 50 percent in 2009.\*

\*Based on 2010 survey findings. Visit [www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net) for more survey results.