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**More than 47,000 lives improved through organ and tissue donation in 2011**  
*California Transplant Donor Network connects donors, transplant centers*

## **2011 Achievements**

**299 Organ Donors...**

**1,075 Organs Transplanted**

**1,214 Tissue Donors...**

**46,250 Lives Improved**



**CTDN exceeded 2010 in these major categories**

The California Transplant Donor Network helped saved or improve more than 47,000 lives in 2011, topping its effort in 2010.

“Through our staff’s team work, the support of our partner hospitals, plus, as always, the wonderful decision by donors and their families, we continued in 2011 to make the gift of life in organs and tissues available to more and more people,” said CTDN Chief Executive Officer Cindy Siljestrom.

Serving Northern California and Northern Nevada, CTDN is one of the largest organ procurement organization in the country. The federally-designated organization links those donors to those who need tissue and organ transplants.

In 2011, CTDN recorded 299 organ donors – a 9.1 percent increase over 2010.

And 1,075 organs were transplanted in 2011, up nearly 12 percent compared to the previous year, resulting in lifesaving transplants for many on the national organ transplant waiting list.

CTDN also helped facilitate more life-enhancing tissue transplants. The 1,214 tissue donors included 805 donations of bone; 861 skin donors; and 540 donors of corneas. In all, more than 46,200 lives were improved.

Each person registering as an organ and tissue donor has the potential save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people. And in its effort to help spread the word about donation, CTDN marked significant milestones.

The number of people in its California service area registered as donors totaled 3.1 million. As a result, among all licensed drivers in the area served by CTDN, four in 10 are registered as donors.

Additionally, with the CTDN objective to ensure that each person has the chance to say “Yes” to donation, about 7 of 10 of those approached with the opportunity to donate organs and tissues agreed to do so in 2011. The number of donors this year who were on the registry at the time of donation nearly doubled from the previous year.

With more than 112,000 people on the national waiting list for organs, the need remains. Register as a donor at [ctdn.org](http://ctdn.org).



The California Transplant Donor Network saves and improves lives by facilitating organ and tissue donation for transplantation. The California Transplant Donor Network helps 175 hospitals in 41 Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada counties offer the option of organ and tissue donation to families whose loved ones have died, coordinates deceased organ recovery and placement, and provides public education with the hope that every resident will become a donor. The California Transplant Donor Network is federally designated as the region's organ recovery organization. For information, visit [www.ctdn.org](http://www.ctdn.org)



Donate Life California administers the nonprofit, state-authorized organ and tissue donor registry with the support of California's four nonprofit, federally-designated organ recovery agencies: California Transplant Donor Network, Sierra Donor Services, Lifesharing and OneLegacy.