

Important Donation Dates/Events

February 14: National Donor Day

Focused on five points of life: organs, tissues, marrow, platelets, and blood. Many nonprofit health organizations sponsor blood and marrow drives and organ/tissue sign-ups across the nation. National Donor Day was started in 1998 by the Saturn Corporation and its United Auto Workers partners with the support of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and many nonprofit health organizations.

April: National Donate Life Month

National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was instituted by Donate Life America and its members in 2003, and grew out of the federally proclaimed National Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation Awareness Week (NOTDAW). NDLM features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to help encourage Americans to become a donor.

August: National Minority Donor Awareness Month

National Minority Donor Awareness Month reaches out to minorities and focuses on the various fears and obstacles associated with donation, encourages healthy living and disease prevention, and promotes life-saving organ, eye and tissue donation.

Two Weekends Before Thanksgiving: National Donor Sabbath

This three-day observance seeks to include the days of worship for major religions practiced in the United States. During National Donor Sabbath, faith leaders from many religions, donor families, transplant recipients, and donation and transplantation professionals participate in services and programs to educate the public.