

# LIFE GIFT GLOSSARY

1. Advocate one who pleads the cause of another- a person who argues for, recommends, or supports a cause or policy
2. Blood Donation giving blood without charge and not expecting anything in return
3. Bone Marrow a soft tissue rich in blood vessels that fills the cavities of most bones; sometimes individuals may need a bone marrow transplant if they have a disease such as leukemia
4. Critical of, relating to, or being a turning point <the *critical* phase of a fever>; *also* : being at a critical stage of illness <listed the patient as *critical*>
5. Diabetes a serious disease in which the body cannot properly control the amount of sugar in your blood because it does not have enough insulin
6. Donation giving of something without charge
7. Donor one that donates-one who gives a bodily material or a part i.e., a blood *donor* or a kidney *donor* etc.
8. Drivers License a license issued under governmental authority that permits the holder to operate a motor vehicle; South Carolina organ donors have a red heart with a circle logo on their drivers license
9. Genes part of DNA that is usually located on a chromosome and that contains chemical information that may control or influence an inherited bodily trait or activity (as eye color, height, or metabolism) or that influences or controls the activity of another gene or genes; it is important to know that genes one has inherited may influence certain health issues in their life
10. Habits a way of behaving that has become fixed by being repeated often; behaviors can be a daily routine i.e, exercising
11. Hepatitis C inflammation of the liver-the disease can sometimes be contributed to person's lifestyle

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12. Inflammation      physical condition in which part of the body becomes reddened, swollen, hot, and often painful, especially as a reaction to injury or infection
13. Insulin            Insulin helps keeps your blood sugar level from getting too high (hyperglycemia) or too low (hypoglycemia). After you eat food and your blood sugar level rises, cells in your pancreas are signaled to release insulin into your bloodstream.
14. Kidneys            either of a pair of oval to bean-shaped organs located in the back part of the abdomen near the spine that give off waste products in the form of urine
15. Leukemia            a disease of warm-blooded animals including human beings that is a kind of cancer in which there is an abnormal increase in the number of white blood cells in the tissues and often in the blood
16. Lifestyle            the usual way of life of a person, group, or society ; the way one lives either individually or in a community
17. Liver                a large glandular organ of vertebrates that secretes bile and causes changes in the blood
18. Living Donation    donating a part of the body while still alive; such as a kidney
19. National Waiting Registry      a system developed out of the National Organ Transplant Act in 1984, which established the Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN), a national organ sharing system to guarantee, among other things, fairness in the allocation of organs for transplant. UNOS (UnitedNetwork for Organ Sharing) maintains a database of all patients waiting for various organ transplants
20. Non- regeneration    unable to reproduce itself; such as the kidney
21. Pancreas            a large gland of the body (located near the stomach) that produces insulin and other substances that help the body digest food
22. Recipient            one that receives i.e., the recipient of blood or an organ or tissue

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23. Regenerate                   to bring into existence again; such as the liver
24. Tissue Donation           the process through which a deceased individual donates parts of his/her body for use in transplants into living individuals to repair a defect or injury, to restore mobility, to restore sight, or to save a life.
25. Transplant                 to transfer (an organ or tissue) from one part or individual to another
26. Voluntary                 done or given because you want to and not because one is forced to; done or given by choice
27. White Blood Cells       **cells** of the immune system that are involved in protecting the body against both infectious disease and foreign invaders