

# Leave a Living Legacy



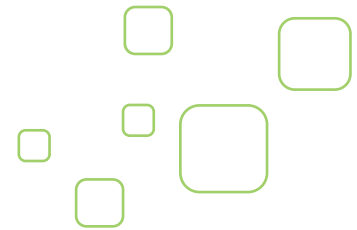
*Be a Living Donor*



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

DONATE LIFE  
SOUTH CAROLINA

# The number of South Carolinians joining the registry from 2008 through 2024.



## Our Mission

Our mission is to promote organ and tissue donation for transplantation and provide patient assistance for South Carolina recipients. Donate Life South Carolina established and maintains the South Carolina Organ, Eye and Tissue Registry.

## Our Vision

Our vision is to work collaboratively with partnerships in this state and the nation so that all individuals who are in need of a transplant receives one.

## Our Board

### Alan Sipe, Chairman

Parent of child who passed while waiting for a lung transplant  
Low Country Region

### Thomas F. Dougall, Vice-Chairman

Living Donor Hero  
Midlands Region

### Michael F. Cuenin, DMD

Midlands Region

### Abbi Mason

Miracles In Sight  
Low Country Region

### Andy Nelson

Double Lung Transplant Recipient  
Low Country Region

### Jason Chesney

Father of Tillman "Tin Man," a heart transplant recipient  
Midlands Region

### Joel S. Sexton, MD

Newberry Pathology Associates  
Forensic Pathologist  
1996

## Emeritus Board

### Royce Carter

Grandson liver recipient  
Emeritus member  
1998

### Mark Walker

Kidney Recipient  
Emeritus member  
2004

### John P. Brogan

Kidney Recipient  
Emeritus member  
2014

## Advisory Council

### Jane Sipe

Parent of child who passed while waiting for a lung transplant  
Low Country Region

### Michael Marinelli

Double lung transplant recipient  
Pee Dee Region

## Administration

### Sherrie Shore

Administrative Assistant



## Farewell Message From The Director-Donate Life South Carolina

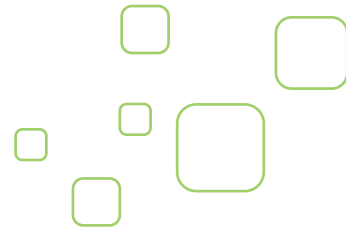
**Dear Fellow South Carolinians and the Donate Life Family,**

Words cannot fully express the humble gratitude I have experienced throughout the years of my service as CEO of Donate Life South Carolina. Since 2008, it has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve this mission alongside so many compassionate, dedicated individuals and communities.

Many of you know the powerful story of the first successful organ transplant—performed on December 23, 1954—when Dr. Joseph Murray transplanted a kidney from Ronald Herrick to his identical twin, Richard. It was a moment rooted not only in medical brilliance but in profound courage. Dr. Murray took an unproven idea and made it a reality, despite skepticism and uncertainty. His vision was grounded in one simple but radical belief: that we, as humans, have the opportunity to give and receive the greatest gift of all—the gift of life.

That spirit has fueled everything we do at Donate Life South Carolina. We exist because of the courage of donors and their families, who, in moments of profound sorrow, choose to offer hope to others. We are here because of the strength of transplant recipients who live each day as a testament to second chances. And we move forward because of the unwavering commitment of our board members, state governmental agencies, team partners, volunteers, and supporters who share in our mission.

To the members of the Board of Directors, thank you for your guidance, your trust, and your vision. To our state team partners and colleagues—your dedication and collaborative spirit have made this work not only possible but meaningful. And most of all, to the donors and the families of donors—your generosity and selflessness are the very foundation of all we do. You are the reason lives are saved, families are healed, and legacies live on.

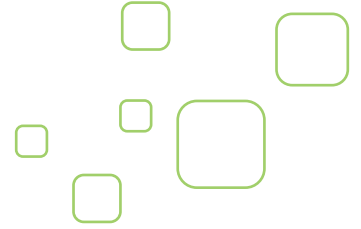


*Tracy L. Moore*

Executive Director and CEO-  
Donate Life South Carolina



## Con't- Message From The Director Donate Life South Carolina



As I prepare to step down from my role on July 1, 2025, I do so with a heart full of hope and love. This mission is far greater than one person or one moment. It is a living, breathing movement of compassion that continues to grow with each new registration, each life saved, and each story shared.

I have simply been a small part of this expansion of hope. And I leave knowing that Donate Life South Carolina will continue to thrive in the hands of those who believe, as I do, that love is best shown through action.

In closing, I leave you with a favorite poem that has long resonated with me, reminding me of what matters most. I hope it speaks to you as it has to me:

So much love and respect to each of you—you are my heart.  
With endless gratitude,

Tracy L. Moore  
CEO, Donate Life South Carolina  
**2008 – 2025**

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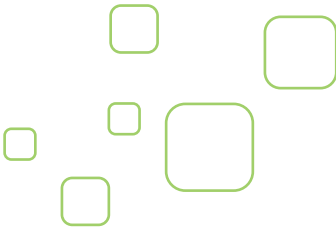
**Someday, the light will shine like a sun through my skin, and they will say, “What have you done with your life?” And though there are many moments I will remember, in the end....**

**I will be proud to say, “I was one of us...”**

**-Brian Andreas**

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# Donate Life South Carolina Expenditure Summary



2024 Annual Budget: \$258,075

- SC Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Registry
- Public Education, Partnership, Patient
- General Administration



**Note :** **Total Mission Spending - 82%**  
-Education Programs and Campaign Materials  
-Registry Technical Management  
-Website and Technology

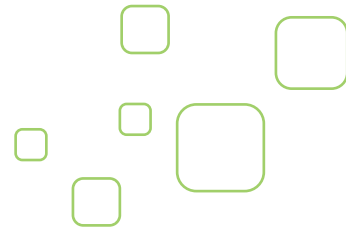
**Total Supporting Services - 18%**  
-Management & General

## 2024 Annual Budget:

Donate Life South Carolina is a non-profit agency committed to saving and healing lives through organ, eye and tissue donation for transplantation. We are able to do so through operating funds that come from citizen contributions made through the South Carolin DMV, public contributions and state grants.



# Donate Life South Carolina 2024 Transplant Numbers



2024 South Carolina **Heroes**

# 694

lives saved



305

**Organ Donors**

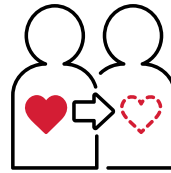
+32% increase  
from 2023



456

**Tissue Donors**

+13% increase from  
2023



794

**Organs transplanted**

+41% increase from  
2023



1,141

Individuals said **"YES"**  
to organ, eye and  
tissue donation

# 82



**Living Donor  
Transplants**



# WOVEN TOGETHER

## THE DANCE OF LIFE

NEIL MANHAR PATEL  
JANUARY 6, 1983 - MARCH 19, 2021

Born in Pontiac, MI, he was the son of Gira and Manhar Patel, brother of Nihar Patel, and uncle to Jag Patel. He graduated from Chapin High School, Chapin, SC, where he was a star basketball player and famously called "Chief."

Neil died in a car accident, and from this tragedy, his family learned Neil was a volunteer organ donor. This choice has been an incredible legacy that has given the Patel family a way for Neil to live on through the lives he has touched and saved by receiving his organs.

Neil was the gentlest soul. Neil never knew a stranger; he was frequently known to help the unhoused and anyone who may need assistance by sharing clothes, food, and shelter. People would often say that Neil would "give the shirt off his back," something we actually witnessed often. Neil had an extraordinary wit about him that was just so charming.

Neil would frequently be found watching sports with his best friends, brother, nephew, and cracking everyone up with his sense of humor. He was a lover of basketball, philosophical discussions, dogs, and family. Neil loved his Michigan Wolverines and South Carolina Gamecocks.

Neil worked in the family steel business alongside his mom and he is missed beyond measure every day.

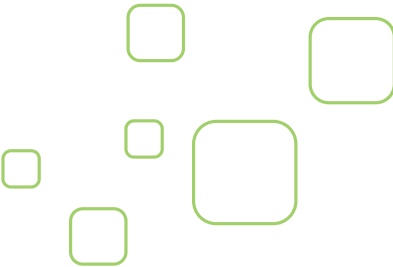
FOUR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED THE GIFT OF LIFE THROUGH THE PATEL FAMILY'S HONORING THEIR SON'S DECISION TO HELP OTHERS.



# 2024 ROSE PARADE DONATE LIFE FLOAT







# CELEBRATING NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH



## ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA







## 2024 TRANSPLANT GAMES OF AMERICA



Hey Diva, did you hear the news?

TEAM South Carolina is heading to the Transplant Games of America!



Go Team SC!!!

Woof yeah, Spike!

Go TEAM South Carolina! Let's cheer them on to victory!



2024 FUNDRAISING

**RAFFLE**

Great Prizes!!

APR 1 — MAY 15



YETI COOLER



4-PASSENGER GOLF CART



\$500 CASH

BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY TO HELP TEAMSC ATHLETES ATTEND THIS SUMMER'S GAMES!

3,000 TICKETS SOLD AT \$25 EA





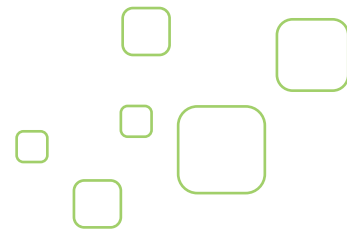
# TEAM SOUTH CAROLINA











# LIFE-SAVING REGISTRATION EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



## ANNUAL REGISTRATION COMPETITION BETWEEN GAMECOCKS VS TIGERS

TREW FRIENDS TEAM WORK

USC SORORITY TEAM WORK



## OTHER TEAM WORK



BLUE GREEN DAY

Spartanburg Sheriff's Office



SEE LIFE BEAUTIFUL

Miracles In Sight



IT ONLY TAKES A  
MINUTE TO SAVE A LIFE

College of Pharmacy



SCDMV APPRECIATION

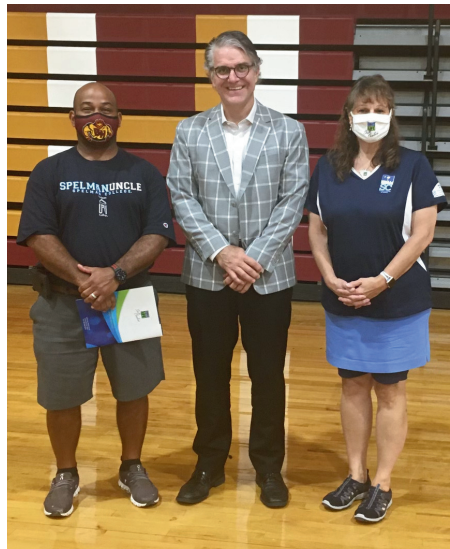
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# THANK YOU, TRACY MOORE FROM YOUR DONATE LIFE FAMILY









# Working Together to Save & Heal Lives through Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation for Transplantation



Organ donors are LIFE donors.  
What Can YOU make possible?



REGISTER TODAY AT: [DONATELIFESC.ORG](https://donatelifesc.org)

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## Donate Life South Carolina

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Greenville, South Carolina 29615**

**Thank You!**



**Register your decision to help heal and save lives at:  
[DonateLifeSC.org](http://DonateLifeSC.org) or your local SCDMV office.**