

**Everyone** can register to be an organ donor.



## TOP

When we say everyone can register to be an organ donor, we mean **EVERYONE**!

# Can someone who identifies as LGBTQ+...

#### Be an organ donor?

A person's sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression does NOT prevent that person from becoming a living or deceased organ donor. Everyone is encouraged to register their decision to be a donor at **RegisterMe.org**.

## Be an eye and tissue donor?

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates tissue and cornea donation. The FDA has a male-to-male sex deferral policy which could prevent a man who has been sexually active with a man in the past 12 months from donating their blood, and in the past 5 years from donating their corneas and tissues. **Organ donation** is not regulated by the FDA; organ donation policy is regulated by Health and Human Services (HHS).

### Receive an organ transplant?

A person's sexual orientation and gender identity or expression do not affect whether they can receive an organ transplant. A national system matches available organs from the donor with potential recipients based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, distance, tissue type and time on the waiting list.

THE NEED

100,000+

people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants

8 lives can be saved by 1 organ donor



