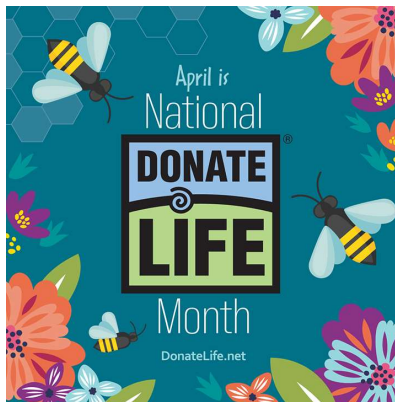


Upcoming Events Spring 2022

Transplant Life Illinois partners with many other donor awareness organizations to provide opportunities to advocate for organ, tissue, eye, and bone marrow donations. Here are a few events coming up in the next couple of months:



April **Donate Life Month**

Since 2003 Donate Life America and partnering organizations have been raising awareness of organ and tissue donation and encouraging Americans to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors. For more information, visit [Donate Life America](https://www.donatelife.net). Here are some upcoming organ donation awareness days—

Gift of Hope is sponsoring a donor tribute event, memory-making workshops, and Light It Up Purple events throughout the month. Here are more [Gift of Hope Donate Life Month upcoming events](#).

April 6 **Donate Life Living Donor Day**

On this day we honor the more than 6,500 people who made the decision in 2021 to give one of their kidneys or a part of their liver to someone waiting for a second chance at life. Others gave the healing gift of birth tissue, including placenta and amniotic membrane. Grafts derived from birth tissue promote natural wound healing. Learn more about [Living Donor Day](#).



April 16-22 Blue & Green Spirit Week

Each day of the week leading up to National Donate Life Blue & Green Day (April 22), you are encouraged to promote the importance of registering as an organ, eye, and tissue donor through activities. Find out more about [NDLB&G Day](#).

April 24-30 National Pediatric Transplant Week

This week focused on ending the pediatric transplant waiting list. Candidates, recipients, and donor families can share their stories, honor their loved ones, and send thanks and gratitude.

Learn more about [National Pediatric Transplant Week](#), sponsored in collaboration with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the American Society of Transplantation (AST), American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS), International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS), and transplant families around the country.



May 7 Living with Kidney Disease

Malcom X College, Chicago
9 am to 1 pm

The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois is sponsoring an educational event covering all sorts of topics from healthy eating to transplantation. For more information, contact NKFI at [Living with Kidney Disease | Chicago North | NKFI](#).

June 25

Miles for Maddog

Lincoln-Way North High School, Frankfort, IL

Celebrating the life of donor Maddie Grobmeier and the hearts and soles of all those involved in organ and tissue donation. Sign up through May 16 at [Miles for Maddog – Maddog Strong](#).

June 22

Walk for Kidneys

Lincoln Harbor, Chicago

Gather your friends, family, and TLI members to participate in the NKFI Walk for Kidneys. For more information, go to [Walk for Kidneys | National Kidney Foundation of Illinois \(nkfi.org\)](#).

Ongoing

Don't Forget to Tune in Each Month to These Transplant Partner Podcasts.

