

Record 40,000 Transplants Honors Legacy of Donors

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UNOS issues a call to action: "Register today to be an organ donor!"

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Richmond, Va. --- On Friday, December 17, 2021, the United States officially surpassed 40,000 transplants in one year, a historic first for the nation. The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) is issuing a nationwide call for more registered organ donors to save even more lives in 2022.

2020 marked the 10th consecutive record-breaking year for organ donations from deceased donors and the 8th in a row for deceased donor transplants.



"Reaching 40,000 organs transplants in a single year is a testament to the lifesaving work being done day in and day that makes our donation and transplantation system the highest performing in the world," said Matthew Cooper, M.D., president of the UNOS Board of Directors . "It is also a testament to the generosity of so many inspiring donors and their courageous families who gave the gift of life."

"This news serves as a reminder that no matter what challenges we face as a nation, our community of doctors, patients, donor families, hospitals, organ procurement professionals, and advocates are dedicated to building on past successes to save even more lives. But there is always more work to do."

"Every one of us has the potential to save multiple lives by registering to be an organ, tissue and eye donor," Cooper said.

Learn more about organ donation and transplantation and how to register to be a donor at www.unos.org.

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United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) is a non-profit, charitable organization that serves as the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) under contract with the federal government. The OPTN creates and defines organ allocation and distribution policies that make the best use of donated organs. This process involves continuously evaluating new advances and discoveries so policies can be adapted to best serve patients waiting for transplants.

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