



**“She’s the true definition of a warrior.”**

– Jessica, mother of Callie, a pulmonary conduit recipient

## Tissue Donation Facts

**When people are asked about being a donor, they often think of organ donation, but tissue donation is equally vital and potentially life-changing.**

One tissue donor can restore health for more than 150 people through tissue donation, and help countless others through medical breakthroughs related to research donation.

An estimated one in 20 Americans will need a tissue transplant during his or her lifetime.

Each year, there are more than 2.5 million tissue transplants and 58,000 tissue donors.

**There are many different types of tissues that can be donated. These include:**

- Tendons, to rebuild joints
- Heart valves, to repair defects
- Veins, which re-establish circulation
- Skin, to heal burns and treat severe wounds
- Bones, to repair damage from injuries or bone degeneration
- Birth tissue, such as placenta, used in reconstructive procedures to promote healing, and to treat burns and painful wounds

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

End-of-life donation to support scientific research is also an option for many people, especially when clinical transplantation is not possible due to trauma, advanced age, or serious illness. By saying yes to research, donors can support medical breakthroughs that can help millions of others.

