

# Heartland Lions Eye Banks Report for October

## 100 Million Registered Donors



A goal set by Donate Life America and the donation and transplant community in 2006 was achieved in October. 100 million people in the U.S. are now reported as registered organ, eye and tissue donors through state donor registries. As we celebrate this

achievement, the need for transplants continues to rise.

More than 112,000 men, women and children nationwide, including more than 1,000 in Kansas, await life-saving organ transplants today. Thousands more await needed tissue transplants to resume their normal lives.

To date, [www.donatelifekansas.com](http://www.donatelifekansas.com) has more than 674,219 registered donors. Each person that registers as a donor provides hope to the thousands of men, women and children who are in need of transplants to return them back to their lives and loved ones.

As we celebrate this great national achievement, 100 million registered donors, we continue in our work to save lives by joining Donate Life America and its network of state teams and partner organizations in their goal of adding 20 million more registered donors by the end of 2012.

## Donation Statistics

Thanks to the support of the Lions, our partners in donation and generous donor families, the Eye Bank provided 426 corneas for transplant, including 63 in the state of Kansas, by the end of August.

According to the Kansas Donor Registry, as of June 30, 2011:

- There are 674,219 designated donors in KS
- In the 12-month period ending 6/30/11, there was a 12.6% increase in the number of actionable donor designations in Kansas
- Currently, 32% of the KS population over 18 years of age is enrolled in the donor registry

## National Donor Sabbath

By sharing the message of eye, organ and tissue donation with Kansas' faith community, Lions can help save and enhance the lives of hundreds in need.

Each November, the donation community observes National Donor Sabbath. This interfaith celebration of life is a time to honor those who have given the gift of life and encourage others to pledge to become donors.

If you or someone you know is interested in sharing the message of donation during a worship service November 11-13, the Eye Bank would love to help by providing you with promotional materials and talking points. For more information or to order, please call **800-283-1982** or email [info@hleb.org](mailto:info@hleb.org).



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