"This newsletter provides you with important information about actions you can take to help save lives. Thank you!"

— Assemblyman Phil Palmesano

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Why Is Home Fire Preparedness so Important?

Every day, seven people die in home fires, most often in homes without working smoke alarms. That's why the American Red Cross launched its *Home Fire Campaign* in 2014 to save lives.

Sound the Alarm is a critical part of their campaign. Through American Red Cross home visits, they have installed more than 2.4 million free smoke alarms and prepared more than 2.5 million people for home fires.

Red Cross volunteers and local partners will **Sound the Alarm** by installing 50,000 free smoke alarms in more than 50 at-risk communities across the country.

For more information, please visit **SoundTheAlarm.org** or contact your local chapter:

GREATER ROCHESTER CHAPTER: 585-241-4400

(Seneca and Yates counties)

SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER: 607-785-7207

(Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben)

Visit **SoundTheAlarm.org** to learn more!





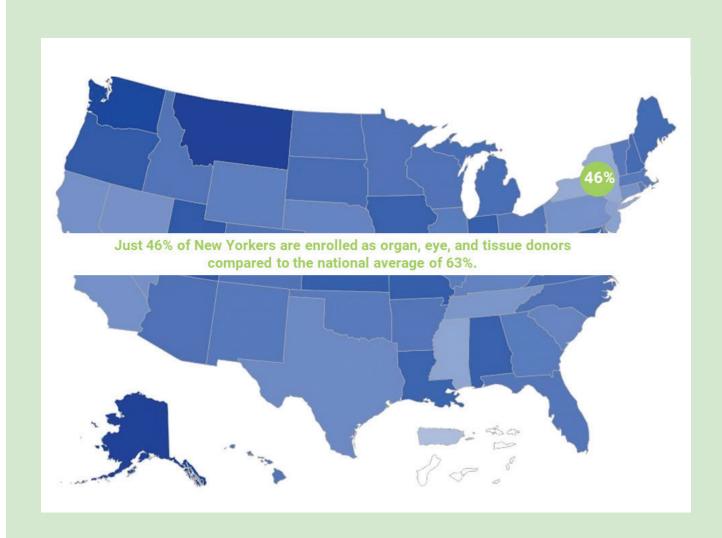
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Organ Donation by the Numbers

(as of January 2023)

One donor can save the lives of 8 people through organ donation and improve the lives of 75 more through eye and tissue donations.

- Number of New Yorkers on organ donation waiting list: More than 8,100.
- Number of New Yorkers who have been on the waiting list for 5 or more years: More than 1,100.
- Number of New Yorkers who died waiting for a transplant in 2022: approximately 400.
- Registry Participation Rate: 46% of eligible population in New York, compared to the national average of 63%.
- New York State has the 3rd highest need for donors but the 3rd lowest donor enrollment rate in the U.S.



We can, and we must, do better!

9 Easy Ways to Register

- 1. New York State Donate Life Registry website at donatelife.ny.gov
- 2. NYS Department of Motor Vehicles: while applying for a junior driver license, license, non-driver identification card, or a renewal of any of these documents
- 3. New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website at: my.dmv.ny.gov/mydmv
- 4. New York State of Health: applying for health insurance
- 5. Voter Registration: registering to vote
- 6. Department of Environmental Conservation: applying for a fishing, hunting or trapping license
- 7. Department of State: applying for certain professional licenses
- 8. New York City Municipal Identification Card: applying for or renewing ID card
- 9. A printable enrollment form is available at: donatelife.ny.gov/download-forms/

7 Easy Ways To Promote Organ & Tissue Donation In New York State



- JOIN IT: If YOU have not already enrolled as an organ and tissue donor, register today at www.donatelife.ny.gov/register.
- **2. HOST IT:** Host a donor registration drive. Donate Life New York State is here to help! Email info@dlnys.org.
- 3. LINK IT: Add a link to www.donatelife.ny.gov/register on your website.
- 4. **SHOUT IT:** Follow Donate Life NYS on social media and share organ and tissue donation content with your own followers: facebook.com/donatelifenys, twitter.com/donatelifenys, youtube.com/donatelifenys, instagram.com/donatelifenys.
- **5. SHARE IT:** Display the link to the NYS Donate Life Registry (**www.donatelife.ny.gov/register**) on your social media accounts. Ask your friends to share it, too.
- **6. DISPLAY IT:** Display registry enrollment brochures and posters at your place of employment. These can be obtained by emailing **info@dlnys.org.**
- **7. ENCOURAGE IT:** Send a personal email to friends and family containing the link to the NYS Donate Life Registry (www.donatelife.ny.gov/register).

For more information about organ and tissue donation or any other legislative matter, please contact my district office at (607) 776-9691.



The American Red Cross has an emergency blood shortage. They need your help!

Upcoming Blood Drives In Your Community:

Chemung County

May 4 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Higher Hope Church 356 Maple St., Big Flats

May 20 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Arnot Mall 3300 Chambers Rd., Horseheads

June 17 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM VFW Post 8139 3936 Wyncoop Creek Rd., Van Etten

June 28 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM American Legion Post 442 71 Old Ithaca Rd., Horseheads

Schuyler County

May 2 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Schuyler County Human Services 323 Owego St., Montour Falls

June 5 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tyrone Fire Dept.
3600 State Rte. 226, Tyrone

June 15 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Watkins Glen Comm. Center 155 S. Clute Park Dr., Watkins Glen

June 15 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Moose Lodge 2096 Co. Rd. 14, Montour Falls

Seneca County

May 5 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM South Seneca High School 7263 Main St., Ovid

May 16 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Romulus High School 5705 Main St., Romulus May 27 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sampson State Park 6096 State Rte. 96A, Romulus

June 13 2:00 PM - 7:00 PMOvid Fire Dept.
2136 Brown St., Ovid

Steuben County

May 5 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM Addison Central School 1 Colwell St., Addison

May 18 11:45 AM - 5:45 PM Hammondsport Fire Dept. 8521 State Rte. 54, Hammondsport

May 23 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM Dormann Library 101 W. Morris St., Bath

May 23 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Campbell Savona High School 8455 County Rte. 125, Campbell

June 2 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM American Legion Post 1248 Carter St., Arkport

June 6 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM Healthworks 9768 Liberty Dr., Painted Post

June 15 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Hornell VFW Post 2250 245 Canisteo St., Hornell

June 19 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM VFW Post 524 281 Baker St., Corning

Yates County

May 17 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM Himrod Fire Dept. 3530 Himrod Rd., Himrod

June 6 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM American Legion Post 660 10 Spring St., Dundee

June 13 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM St. Paul's Lutheran Church 135 Hamilton St., Penn Yan

June 29 1:30 PM - 6:30 PMBranchport Fire Dept.
3686 State Rte. 54A, Branchport



Donors are encouraged to make an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome if the schedule allows!