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**Every 10 minutes someone new is added to the national organ waiting list:
You can help!**

DALLAS, JANUARY 30, 2019 – Everything is bigger in Texas, and so is the list of those needing an organ transplant. Texas is second in the nation with more than 10,000 people awaiting a lifesaving organ donation.

Southwest Transplant Alliance is the Dallas-based organ procurement organization providing services in areas throughout Texas. Over the past two years, the organization recovered approximately 1,200 organs annually for transplant and hundreds of tissue donations within its 89 county region.

“For the past several years, the list of people waiting for a lifesaving organ has stayed right about 10,000 individuals in Texas,” said Patti Niles, Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Transplant Alliance. “Every day, we think about each donor, and the limitless potential of their gifts of donation. Eight people’s lives could continue from one donor’s organs and more than 75 could benefit from donated tissue. It is our responsibility educate the community on how every one of us could provide the gift of life to someone who needs it most.”

Southwest Transplant Alliance partners with 280 hospitals and 10 transplant centers across Texas for recovery of suitable organs for transplantation. And 2019 proves to be an important year for the organization as STA announced plans for a Dallas-based organ and tissue donation center. [\(Read about STA’s New Facility >>\)](#)

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To register your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor, visit DonateLifeTexas.org.

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About Southwest Transplant Alliance: For more than 40 years, STA has been saving lives by recovering donated organs for individuals awaiting a lifesaving transplant. In April of 2017, STA began recovering tissue to improve lives. STA is among the largest of 58 federally designated, nonprofit organ procurement organizations (OPOs). Founded in 1974, STA has facilitated more than 25,000 organs for recovery and enhanced the lives of tens of thousands of people. STA is a member of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and is accredited by the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO). The organization serves communities in North Texas, Beaumont, Bryan/College Station, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Galveston, Midland/Odessa, Temple, Wichita Falls and Tyler. For more information, go to www.organ.org. Sign up to be an organ donor today at www.DonateLifeTexas.org.