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### **LifeNet Health marks Donate Life Month by encouraging organ, tissue and eye donation**

*Registering as an organ, tissue and eye donor can save or improve 150 lives  
and support vital scientific discovery*

**Virginia Beach, Va.** — April 2, 2018 — More than 114,000 men, women and children in the U.S. need a hero, someone just like you. They require a life-saving organ transplant, and every 10 minutes, someone new [joins them on the waiting list](#).

Combined with the millions of patients who will receive a tissue or cornea transplant this year, the need for organ, tissue and eye donors is profound. Each April, LifeNet Health participates in Donate Life Month to raise awareness of the importance of donation and to honor those who have provided the gift of life.

“When you choose to donate, you create a legacy that flourishes. This single selfless act can touch an exponential number of lives,” said LifeNet Health President and CEO Rony Thomas. “At LifeNet Health, we honor the promise of donation by ensuring each gift of organs, tissues or cells brings relief to a patient in need or supports important research into pioneering therapies.”

An organ donor can save up to nine lives, and a single tissue donor enhance more than 150 lives, providing hope to the estimated one in 20 Americans who will need a tissue transplant at some point in their life. Further, donations for research support pioneering biomedical science that seeks to better understand a vast array of medical conditions, to improve diagnosis, and to make the process of developing new therapies both faster and safer.

Learn more about organ, tissue and eye donation, or register to be a donor yourself, at [donatelife.net](http://donatelife.net).

#### **About LifeNet Health**

LifeNet Health helps save lives, restore health, and give hope to thousands each year. It is the world's most trusted provider of transplant solutions — from organ procurement to bio-implants and cellular therapies — and a leader in regenerative medicine, while always honoring the donors and healthcare professionals who enable healing. For more information about LifeNet Health, go to [www.lifenethealth.org](http://www.lifenethealth.org).

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