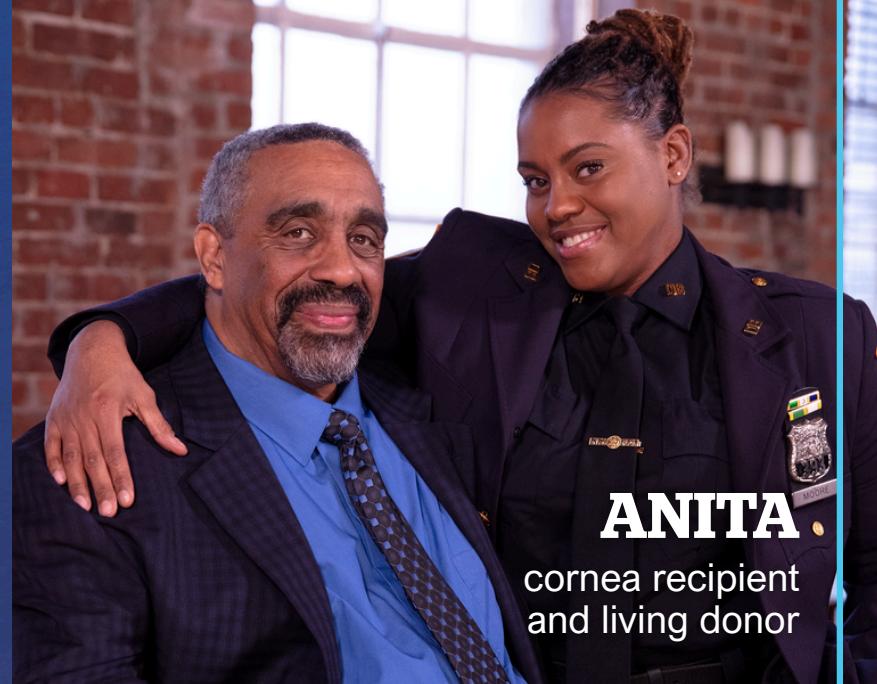


LiveOnNY TISSUE DONATION

Every day, thousands of Americans are waiting for tissue transplants. Many are for surgeries that people we know, or are close to us, may have even undergone. Giving the gift of life and healing is an opportunity to further enhance your loved one's legacy. Very often, donor families share that they have found great comfort in the donation of their loved one's organs and/or tissues. At LiveOnNY, we respect your decision to consider tissue donation, so the following information is provided for your guidance.



Anita, a NYPD detective, was shocked to learn she had a rare genetic condition causing her to go blind. She was just 28 years old and working as a police officer in the Bronx. She received a cornea transplant from a selfless tissue donor in 2011 that restored her sight. ***"I am so grateful to my donor,"*** she says. Anita went on to donate a portion of her liver to her father in 2012. ***"I love my dad,"*** she says. ***"I hope the donation gives him many more years with us."***

USES FOR DONATED TISSUE:



CORNEAS

may restore sight and can be used in reconstructive surgeries



HEART VALVES

replace failing valves in the heart, a majority of heart valves are used in children and women in childbearing age



TENDON AND LIGAMENTS

return mobility and stabilize joints such as knee reconstruction



BONE

has many uses including spinal fusion, hip and knee repair, dental procedures, facial/jaw reconstruction following trauma or tumor removal



VEINS & ARTERIES

used to increase circulation in heart bypass and limb salvage surgery



SKIN

used as temporary burn dressing and reconstructive surgeries, including reconstructive breast surgery after a mastectomy



FACTS ABOUT TISSUE DONATION



The body is always treated with dignity and respect.



Costs directly related to the recovery of tissues will not be charged to the family.



Major religions support organ and tissue donation.



While tissue donation can impact the body's appearance, generally, open casket services can be arranged. We will work closely with the funeral home chosen by the family to ensure that they may have the service of their choice.

ABOUT LiveOnNY

LiveOnNY is a federally designated Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) committed to honoring, saving, and transforming lives through organ and tissue donation. Established in 1978, LiveOnNY collaborates with more than 100 hospitals, providing support to organ and tissue donors and their families who choose to give the gift of life to those on the transplant waitlist across the nation. The OPO serves a diverse population of 13 million people in New York City and Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, and Rockland counties. To learn more, visit LiveOnNY.org.



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