



In addition to the gift of placenta donation, are you a registered organ and tissue donor?

The impact of one organ and tissue donor is extraordinary. **One person can:**

- Save up to eight lives through the donation of lungs, liver, heart, kidneys, pancreas, and intestines

- Impact the lives of 75 or more people through tissue donation. For example:

- Heart valves can be transplanted into children born with congenital heart defects
- Skin tissue can be used to heal burn victims and for those who suffer from a disfiguring injury or disease
- Restore sight to those whose vision has been compromised through corneal donation

Register online today at

BeTheGiftToday.com and be the gift so many are waiting for!

Already registered?

Go to BeTheGiftToday.com to get your **Big Red Bow** and spread the word about organ and tissue donation!



The Gift of Birth Tissue

Make your child's birth even more special by donating birth tissue to help others heal.



Congratulations!

You are about to start on an exciting journey as you bring new life into the world. We know you are busy planning for your new baby. So, thank you for taking the time to learn more about helping others through the Tennessee Donor Services (TDS) Birth Tissue Donation Program.



Placenta Tissue Can Be Used For:

- Burns
- Oral surgeries
- Spine surgeries
- Leg ulcers
- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Face and eye injuries
- Bed sores
- Other soft tissue healing.

Speak with your doctor about your decision to donate your placenta.

For more information about the TDS Birth Tissue Donation Program, call Tennessee Donor Services at **615.564.3600** to speak with the placenta donation coordinator, or visit our website: tnbirthtissue.org

The Healing Potential of Birth Tissue

Did you know your baby's placenta could be used to benefit someone else? Often, the placental afterbirth is discarded along with medical waste. But with your donation, this same birth tissue can help dozens of others. Placenta donation, or birth tissue recovery utilizes the placenta's remarkable ability to heal.

After the baby's birth, the placenta's cellular components and amniotic membrane can be repurposed to create products for wound healing, scar tissue repair, and wound tissue regeneration.

**With your donated placenta,
the lives of up to 50 people
can be improved!**

How Can I Participate in the Placenta Donation Program?

It's simple. Just say **YES** to placenta donation. Neither your baby nor your birth plan will be affected in any way. Placenta donation is private and confidential, and doesn't cost you anything. Any healthy, expectant mother planning a single-birth, Caesarean section delivery can donate birth tissue to the program.



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