

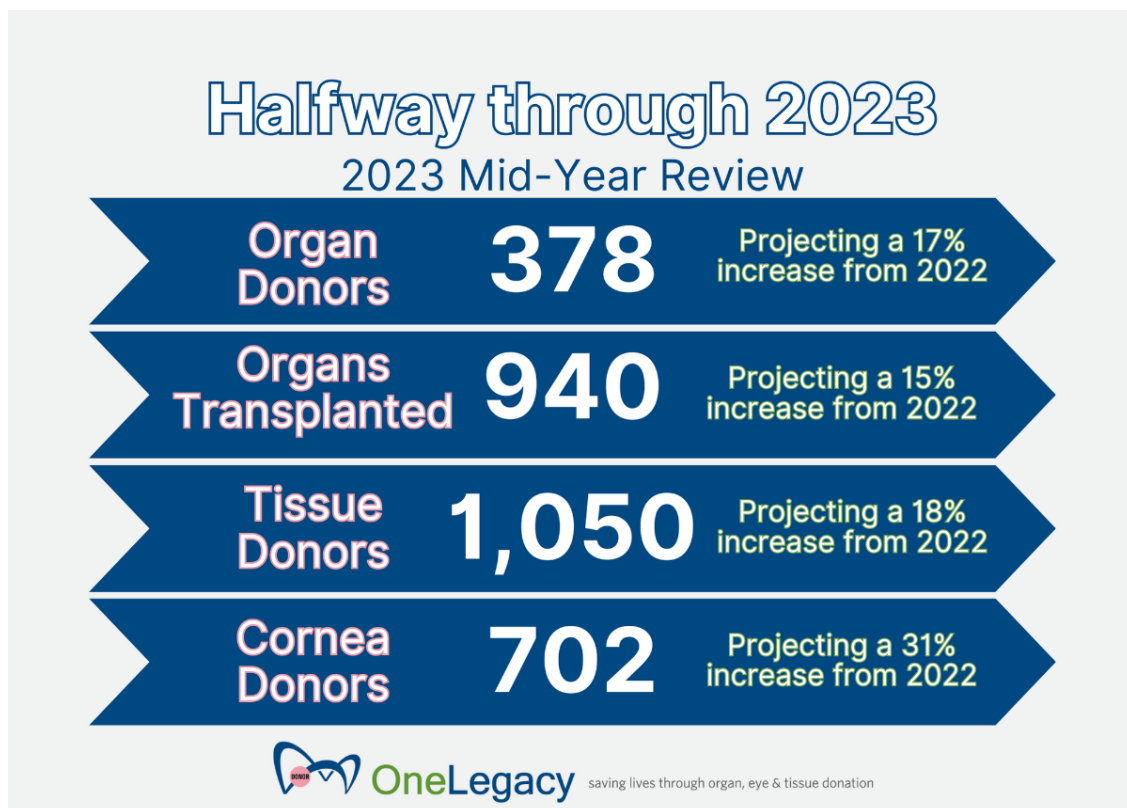
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## MID YEAR REVIEW

# OneLegacy on Track for Record Breaking Year



As we enter the second half of 2023, OneLegacy marks several successes and is on track for another record-breaking year. In the first six months of 2023, **three-hundred and seventy-eight** (378) heroic Californians gave the gift of life, allowing OneLegacy to project a seventeen percent (17%) increase in donations from 2022 to 2023. OneLegacy has transplanted **nine-hundred and forty organs (940)**, a fifteen percent (15%) increase from 2022 to 2023. **One thousand and fifty tissue donors** (1050) have been recovered, allowing OneLegacy to project an eighteen percent (18%)

increase in tissue donation this year. OneLegacy recovered **seven hundred and two cornea donors** (702) in 2023, projecting a thirty-one percent (31%) increase from 2022.

OneLegacy's success stems from the hard work of the organization's staff, which continues to grow in all departments. OneLegacy has onboarded **ninety-eight** (98) new employees in 2023, and eighty-four percent (84%) of all open positions have been filled. The OneLegacy staff consists of **four hundred and sixteen** (416) employees dedicated to donation and transplantation.

OneLegacy is proud to serve over twenty million diverse residents throughout seven Southern Los Angeles counties.

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## RESEARCH

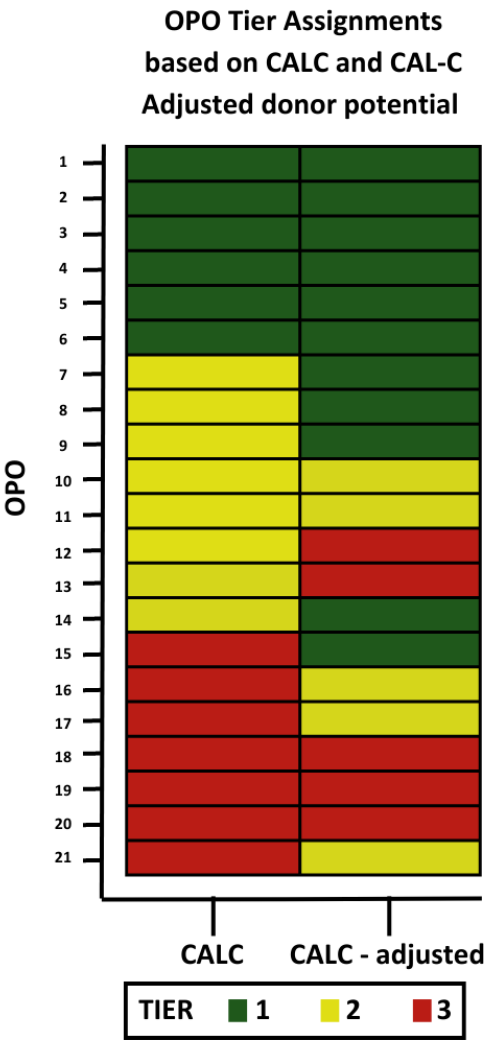
# Research Presented at American Transplant Congress Evaluates the Volatility of Annual Evaluations for OPOs

At the American Transplant Congress in San Diego last month research was presented that questioned the scientific basis of measurement of Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) performance. This new measurement is scheduled to be used by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to decide on OneLegacy's, and all 56 OPOs certification to continue as the OPO for their areas in 2026.

The measure of performance that CMS will use to decide whether or not an OPO is certified is defined in a 2020 federal regulation as the percentage of potential donors

and transplants in the OPO's service area that become actual donors.

The research, conducted by Professor Jesse Schold of Colorado University and Professor David Zingmond of UCLA, funded by OneLegacy Foundation and by Gift of Life Michigan, showed that the way CMS determines an OPO’s donor potential is significantly flawed because it includes cases with cancers, infections, and non-ventilated cases that are contraindications to donation. CMS assumed that these contraindications are the same from OPO to OPO, while the research showed they differ.



As a result, donor percentages are inaccurate for 30% of the country’s OPOs, so high-performing OPOs would be decertified, and poorer-performing OPOs would be

certified. The research also showed that the Center for Disease Control database, which is the source of the donor potential number, does not produce an objective measure of donor potential.

The research findings strongly suggest that CMS must thoroughly revise the rule before it goes into effect in 2026, when OneLegacy's certification is scheduled for renewal.

Of course, OneLegacy's dramatic increase in donations this year has already advanced OneLegacy from Tier 3 to Tier 2 and out of jeopardy from the current CMS metric.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**OneLegacy presents**

**Ava's Heart Gala & OneLegacy Inspire Awards.**



[OneLegacy Foundation](#) and [Ava's Heart](#) will join forces for a glamorous, inspiring evening that honors storytellers, organ donors, and transplant recipients. The star-studded event features a red carpet, champagne tower, cocktail hour, four-course meal, and live entertainment.

**Thursday, August 24th at the Taglyan Complex in Hollywood**

**Red Carpet Arrivals 5:30p - 6:30p**

**Dinner & Reception 6:30p - 9:00p**

**Purchase Tickets**

Our host for the evening is CNN Hero Nominee, TEDx Talk host, heart recipient, and donation advocate Ava Kaufman. All proceeds from this incredible event will support Ava's Heart, a 501©(3) non-profit that provides post-transplant housing for recipients and burial costs for donor families. Learn more [about Ava's Heart here](#).

OneLegacy recognizes storytellers that accurately bring awareness to the importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation through mainstream media, documentaries, and

music through the OneLegacy Inspires Award. Recent winners include Grey's Anatomy, New Amsterdam, Chicago Med, and News Anchor Robin Roberts.

Ava's Heart will honor Laura Diaz, Nicole Mendez, and ThermoFisher. OneLegacy will present Inspire Awards to writers, actors and producers from The Good Doctor, Fire Country, and Greys' Anatomy and a few special guests.

**Tickets Include:**

1 Reserved Seat for the Show  
Four-Course Dinner with Wine  
Red Carpet & Media Opportunities  
Cocktail Hour with Themed Drinks and Champagne Tower  
Silent Auction  
1 Gift Bag

**Purchase Tickets**

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