A Critical Healthcare Connector for Southern California

As part of a national network of 57 Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs), OneLegacy’s operations are both complex and vital to the system, but how do OPOs bridge the gap between hospitals and transplant centers to facilitate the gift of life?

How OneLegacy Operates

OneLegacy plays a critical role in Southern California’s healthcare system, acting as the bridge between donors and patients waiting for a lifesaving organ, eye or tissue transplant.

200+ Regional Hospitals
Potential donors are identified by medical professionals.

Donation Referral
The hospital contacts OneLegacy to assess the potential donor’s status and confirm suitability.

Did you know?
Less than 1% of all deaths are eligible for organ donation. A donor must be in the hospital and meet specific criteria, like being brain dead and on a ventilator.

OneLegacy, Bridging Lives

Responds to referrals with clinical staff who travel to 200+ hospitals within 3 hours on high priority cases.

Upon determining suitability, OneLegacy palliative care staff informs family of patient’s registration status and next steps, and educates families on the opportunity to leave a legacy through donation.

Perform rigorous medical assessment in concert with hospital care teams to determine donation suitability.

Match organs to patients in greatest need per the national and local wait lists.

Safely prepare organs for delivery and arrange transportation to transplant centers.

Provide immediate and ongoing donor family support.

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Recipient

Organ donation provides a second chance at life for thousands of Americans each year. In 2020, OneLegacy marked its sixth year of record-breaking donation increases by:

Facilitating 1,661 organ transplants in 2020.

Healing 190K lives through eye & tissue donation.
OneLegacy is Investing to Improve Donation

Donation begins before a donor reaches the hospital. In order for OPOs to increase donation rates we must increase registration and authorization. That work begins by educating our community and breaking down barriers to donation.

Targeted Community Partnerships
- Ambassador Programs—Providing First-Person Testimonials
- Comprehensive Online Resources
- Culturally Competent Outreach Specialists
- Palliative Care
- Public Education Campaigns
- World’s Largest and Most Effective Donation Promotion Program—Donate Life Rose Parade Float

Research & Innovation
OneLegacy is advancing the science of donation and transplantation and employing technological innovations in our own operations to make transplants safer and increase available organs.

- Investing in Research Studies and Clinical Trials
- Opened California’s First-Ever Transplant Recovery Center
- Hired 3 Medical Directors to Review and Oversee 100% of Donation Referrals
- First Web-Based Organ Offer And Electronic Donor Record System
- Real-Time Testing For Infectious Viral RNA

Professional Education
Improving donation can mean improving policies, coordination and education with our professional partners including hospitals, transplant surgeons and the county coroner.

- OneLegacy Webinars, Workshops & Trainings
- Annual Donation Symposium for 1,200+ Hospital Professionals
- Access to National and International Webinars Demonstrating Best Practices
- Monthly Staff Education for all 200+ Hospitals as Practices Improve and New Staff Join Hospitals
- Industry Conferences & Events

The Result?
Saving More Lives Each Year

OneLegacy’s community outreach, research & innovation and professional education has continuously improved organ donation and resulted in significant increases in organ, eye and tissue transplantation, despite the impacts of COVID-19.

California is home to 17.5 million registered donors, more than any other state. Despite our millions of registered donors, the need for lifesaving transplants continue to grow, and OneLegacy is working nonstop to improve organ donation to meet this growing need. In addition to our work facilitating donation, OneLegacy is investing in the following areas to help save more lives.

1,282 1,339 1,464 1,374 1,442 1,619 1,661

64% increase in transplants over 10 years