

# Alexa's Story

On July 15, 2004 a young girl named Alexa from West Fargo, North Dakota died while waiting on the list for a double lung transplant. Because she was near the top of the list, she and her family thought without doubt she would receive the transplant she desperately needed.

While on the list, Alexa couldn't do the normal activities that kids her age could do. She loved to dance, and she loved to bike with friends. But her condition required her to be at home, on oxygen, 24 hours a day. She often talked about the things she would be able to do again after her transplant.

When Alexa did not receive her transplant, her family was shocked. Now, there's not a day that goes by in which her family doesn't experience an emptiness from her absence.

Alexa's parents have struggled with the knowledge that their daughter's death could have been prevented if a generous grieving family had said 'yes' to donation. Since her death, Alexa's parents have dedicated their energy to promoting donation so that children and adults are able to get the transplants they need to survive.

To register as a donor, check the box on your driver's license and share your wishes with your family.

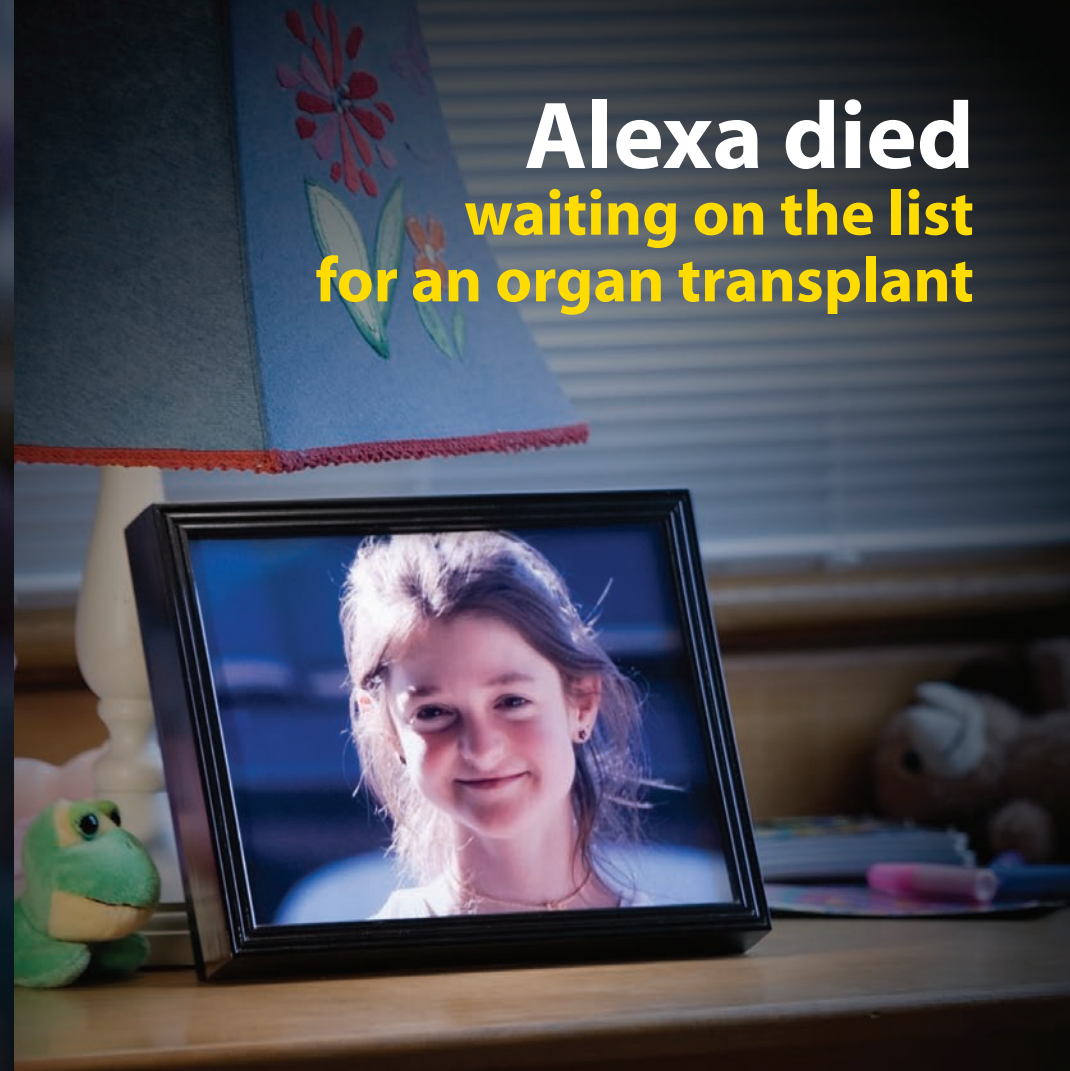
For more information, please visit: [www.OrganDonation.org](http://www.OrganDonation.org)  
Minnesotans – register online at [www.DonateLifeMN.org](http://www.DonateLifeMN.org)

**LifeSource**  
*Organ & Tissue Donation*



The donor indication on your driver's license or, if applicable, on your state's online donor registry is authorization for donation and will ensure your decision is honored. Parental authorization is required for individuals under the age of 18. Organs and tissues that can be donated include heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, intestines, eyes, skin, heart valves, bone, veins and connective tissue.

# Alexa died waiting on the list for an organ transplant



## Save lives

Check the box on  
your driver's license  
application and share your  
wishes with your family

► [www.OrganDonation.org](http://www.OrganDonation.org)

# QUIZ

Make a decision about organ and tissue donation and share your wishes with your family. This quiz will provide information that will help you make an informed choice.

# WHAT

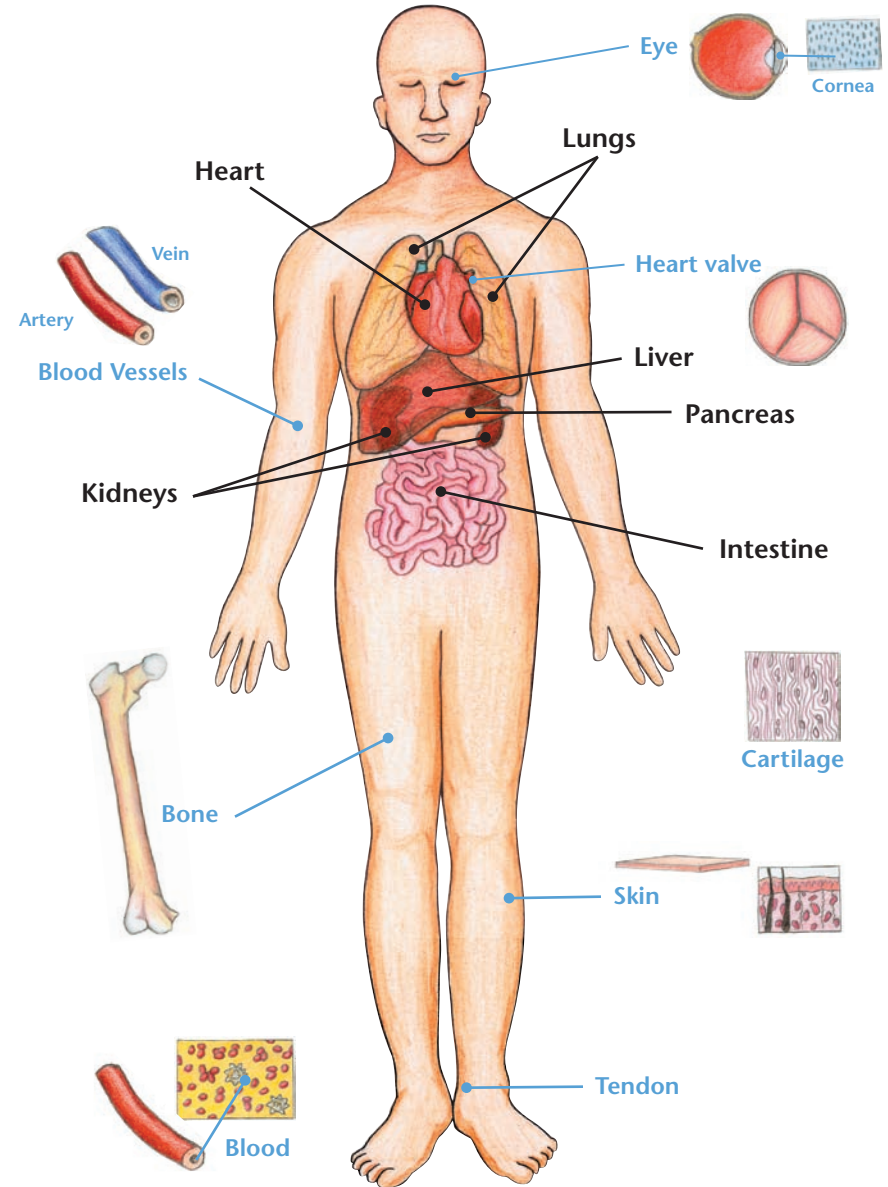
are the organs and tissues that can be donated?

## TRUE OR FALSE

- 1  One organ and tissue donor can save or enhance up to 60 lives.
- 2  It is important for me to share my wishes with my family.
- 3  People who are in a coma can donate organs.
- 4  If I need an organ transplant, my chances are probably better if I am rich and famous.
- 5  People younger than 50 years old have no risk for organ failure.
- 6  The human body will try to reject any transplanted organ.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE more than one answer may be correct

- 7 **Which of the following organs can be transplanted?**
  - a. heart and liver
  - b. sweat glands and the appendix
  - c. kidneys and pancreas
  - d. lungs and intestine
- 8 **Which of the following tissues can be donated?**
  - a. bone, skin, and heart valves
  - b. hair, toenails, and teeth
  - c. corneas, connective tissue, and veins
  - d. kidneys, liver, and intestine
- 9 **The number of people on the national transplant list:**
  - a. is less than 50,000 people
  - b. is exactly 39,756 people
  - c. increases every 13 minutes
  - d. is more than 98,000
- 10 **Organs are matched to potential recipients by the following:**
  - a. organ size and blood type
  - b. severity of the patient's illness and length of time waiting
  - c. genetic tissue matching
  - d. who has the nicest car
- 11 **How can people make their wishes about donation known?**
  - a. put it on their driver's license
  - b. talk with their family
  - c. online at [www.DonateLifeMN.org](http://www.DonateLifeMN.org)
  - d. all of the above



answers: 1. T, 2. T, 3. F, 4. F, 5. F, 6. T, 7. acd, 8. ac, 9. cd, 10. abc, 11. d

One organ and tissue donor can save or enhance the lives of up to 60 people.