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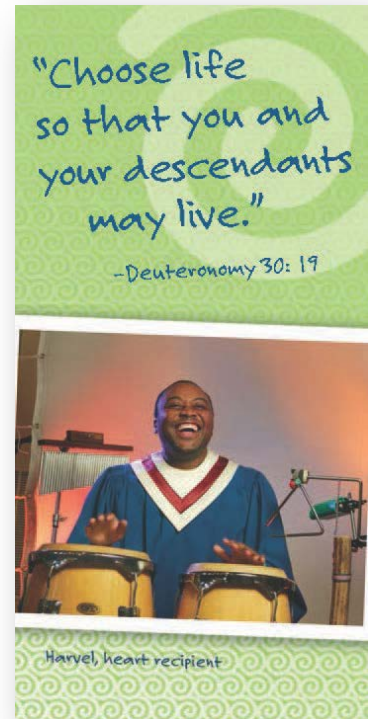
## NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH

National Donor Sabbath (NDS) is an interfaith observance and celebration of life and thanksgiving. It is a special time for congregations across America to learn about the critical shortage of organ, cornea and tissue donation.

Initiated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NDS is celebrated during the month of November, as well as year-round.

## THE NEED FOR ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION IS CRITICAL

Currently over 100,000 men, women and children are awaiting a life-saving organ transplant. Each day 18 people die while waiting. Thousands of more individuals are in need of cornea and tissue transplants to restore sight and mobility.



## A CALLING TO THE SOUTH TEXAS RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

Religious leaders who participate in discussions of donation with their congregants affirm that choosing to be an organ and tissue donor offers the opportunity to share the greatest blessing of all - The Gift of Life. By sharing information on donation, you can also help us honor the donors and families who have so graciously given this gift at a time of personal pain and loss.

San Antonio Eye Bank encourages religious leaders to host a Donor Sabbath Celebration. Please view the **Give Thanks, Give Life Response Form** to view several resources we offer to support you in this endeavor.

## SAN ANTONIO EYE BANK

### HELPING TO PROVIDE, THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Founded in 1965 to meet the growing need for cornea tissue in San Antonio and surrounding areas. The San Antonio Eye Bank (SAEB) is a non-profit organization that has helped restore sight to the blind for over 40 years throughout South Texas.

SAEB hosts annual ceremonies and programs to honor donors and donor families, as well as promote donation and transplantation throughout the year. To learn more about our organization, visit [www.saeyebank.org](http://www.saeyebank.org)



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## ***Yes!* We will inspire our congregation to Donate Life!**

**Choose from any combination of options below to create your personalize your National Donor Sabbath observance.**

- Publish donation information in our bulletin.
- Display Donate Life PowerPoint slide and include donation as a topic in my sermon.  
[PowerPoint slide features Tonisha, liver transplant recipient]
- Show 'Be The Difference' Donor Sabbath 3 minute video during a service.  
YouTube link : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJECDMOQGDM>  
[DVD copies available, ***Please request 2 weeks in advance***].
- Display a Donate Life Memorial Quilt featuring South Texas donor heroes.  
[***Please request 2 weeks in advance***].
- Host a transplant recipient or donor family speaker to tell their personal story about donation and transplantation for 8-10 minutes [***Please request 4 weeks in advance***].
- Provide color Donate Life 2014 National Donor Sabbath bulletin inserts during a service.  
[Total amount needed \_\_\_\_\_ ***Please request 4 weeks in advance***]

**Please provide the following information so we may contact you:**

Name of Religious Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Name of House of Worship \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) you plan to host National Donor Sabbath activity \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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this completed form to ATTN: SA Eye Bank – Simera Nichols