It Only Takes a Minute: Observing 2026 Eye Donation Month

Since 1981, EBAA members and the transplant community join together during November in celebration of the gift of sight.

November 1, 2026—Washington, DC – November is Eye Donation Month and the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) and its members are raising awareness about eye donation, the gift of sight, and corneal transplantation.

Using the theme, "It Only Takes a Minute," EBAA members and partners in the transplant community are emphasizing how quick and easy it is to register to give the gift of sight and life as an eye, organ, and tissue donor after making an informed, meaningful, decision of generosity. Individuals can register online at RegsiterMe.org, through the iPhone Health app, or at the DMV.

Did you know? (FAQs)

- Around the world, nearly 12 million individuals suffer from corneal blindness that could be corrected with a cornea transplant.
- Nearly anyone can be a cornea donor; age, blood type, vision quality, and other qualifiers are not barriers to donation.
- The lifetime net economic benefit of corneal transplants performed annually is roughly $8.6 Billion.
- EBAA member eye banks have performed more than 2.5 million sight restoring corneal transplants since 1961.

Throughout November, EBAA, its members, and its partners in the eye, organ, and tissue donation community, participate in various activities to raise awareness about cornea donation and transplantation, honor the gift of sight given by selfless donors and their families, celebrate corneal transplant recipients, educate about eye donation, and encourage individuals to register as donors.

Details about Eye Donation Month and a toolkit of promotional materials can be found at EyeDonationMonth.org.

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The EBAA, established in 1961, is the oldest donation and transplantation association in the U.S. It sets medical standards, provides education, oversees professional certifications, and engages in advocacy to support eye donation, cornea transplantation, and ocular research. Since EBAA's founding, member eye banks have provided tissue for more than 2.5 million sight restoring corneal transplants. To learn more, visit restoresight.org.