

About Gift of Life

Gift of Life Michigan is the state's federally designated organ procurement organization (OPO), providing all services necessary for organ and tissue donation.

Gift of Life is an Ann Arbor-based nonprofit providing all services necessary to help donors and their families as they give their gifts.

We care about and for those families, who we consider true heroes. It is our honor to serve them.

The process of organ, eye and tissue donation is strictly regulated for patient safety and donation outcomes.

Contact Gift of Life Michigan

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Referral line **800-482-4881**

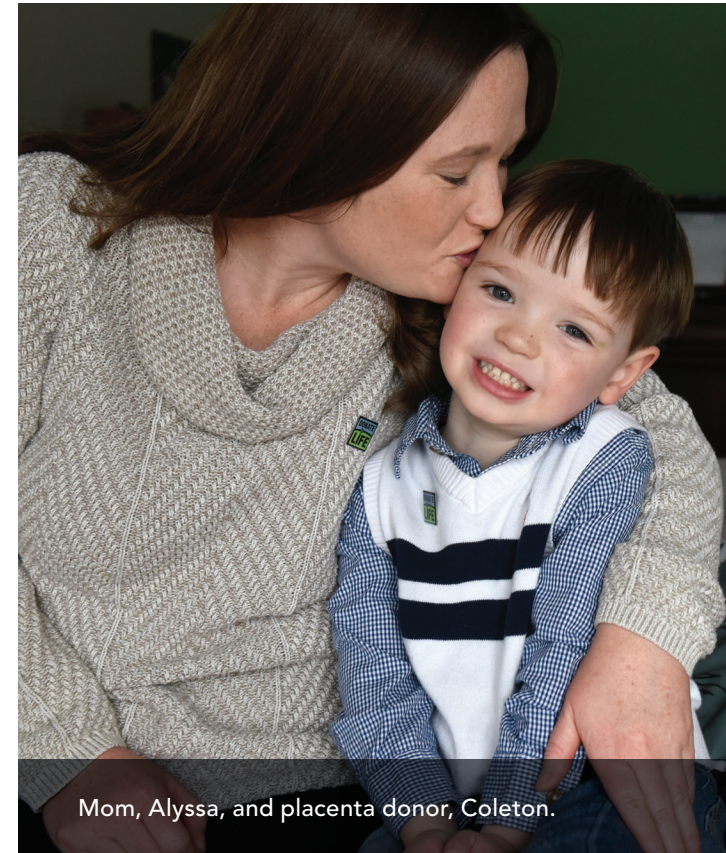
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Placenta Donation

We honor life
through donation.™



Making a difference for others and
creating a legacy for your baby

You're expecting a new baby

You're about to bring a new baby into the world so you're busy planning for the birth.

Thank you for taking time to learn more about how donating your baby's placenta to Gift of Life Michigan can help others with serious medical needs.



Can any pregnant mom donate?

Yes! Expectant mothers of any age can take advantage of this unique opportunity as long as there are no disqualifying medical conditions. Those would include any infections or viruses such as HIV, hepatitis or other conditions that could be transmitted to recipients.

Expectant moms delivering by C-section or vaginally are eligible.

What you would donate

With your permission, your baby's umbilical cord and placenta — which are normally discarded after birth — can be donated. Your child's birth would in no way be affected, and there is no risk to you or your baby. Donating your baby's placenta is considered a gift, and payment for donated tissue and organs is illegal under the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984. Your donation wouldn't cost you or your family anything.

Who and how you would help

Placenta is rich in nutrients and has unique healing properties. It is most often used to heal traumatic wounds and diabetic ulcers — situations where the skin won't easily heal on its own. It may be used to help people with eye injuries and diseases, for spinal and dental procedures, and for sports injuries.

Your gift could help patients with an array of needs, including:

- Healing for burn victims.
- Diabetics who have difficulty healing wounds, including ulcers.
- People with eye disease.
- Those needing gum or dental procedures.
- Victims of traumatic injuries and more.

Your baby's legacy

The placenta technically belongs to your baby, so that means your newborn would begin their life as a donor and a hero to their recipients. Helping others heal and live healthier lives is an incredible legacy right from the start.

How to participate

Talk to your doctor about your desire to donate your baby's placenta. Additionally, connect with Gift of Life Michigan by calling or emailing to get the process started. Gift of Life will arrange for you to speak to a coordinator who will set up a convenient time to complete donation documents and answer a series of questions regarding your medical and social history. The interview will take about 20 minutes.

After your baby is delivered, the placenta will be tested and processed under strict guidelines and with accepted medical and ethical standards.

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For more information, visit golm.org/placenta

