

“This newsletter provides you with important information about actions you can take to help save lives. Thank you!”

— Assemblyman Phil Palmesano

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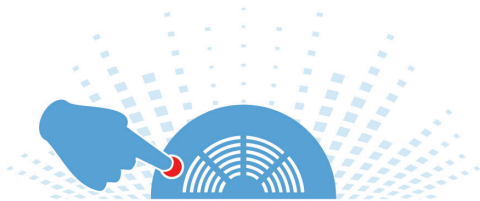
Home Fires Claim Seven Lives Every Day...
but having working smoke alarms
can cut the risk of death by half.

That's why the American Red Cross is installing free smoke
alarms nationwide as part of their Sound the Alarm events.

This year, they'll install free smoke alarms, create escape
plans, and share fire safety information.

For more information on this program please contact the
American Red Cross.

Call **607-442-4109** or
visit **SoundTheAlarm.org**
to learn more!



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Save a Life



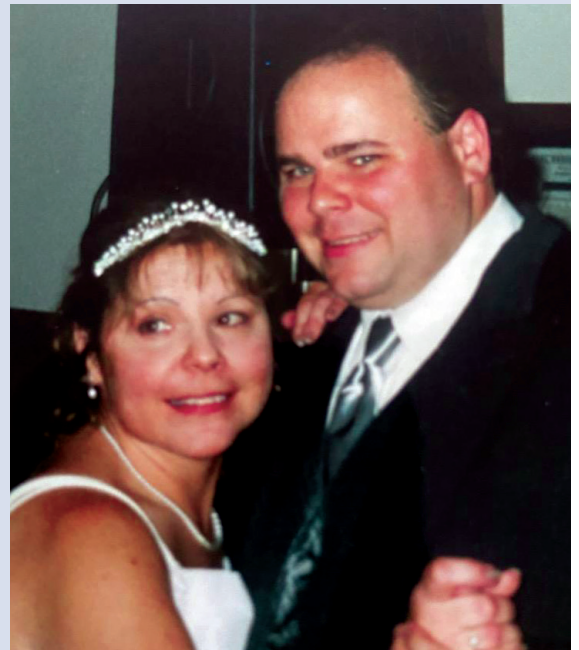
**American
Red Cross**

ORGAN DONATION IS PERSONAL AND IMPORTANT TO ME. WHY?

My sister Teresa was a juvenile diabetic. This disease attacked her body over her short life, including her kidneys. Teresa needed and had 2 transplants, once in 2000 from the kindness of a stranger who was a registered organ donor. Once again, in May 2006, when I had the privilege of donating a kidney to my sister. So, I have seen firsthand how organ donation can help improve the quality of life of an individual and their family. Unfortunately, I lost my sister in 2013 at the age of 50 due to further health complications. But I still tell people, Teresa was the lucky one. She had 2 transplants. Some people never get one. I never knew how bad the numbers were in New York until I stepped on the Assembly floor in 2011. We have made great progress since then but we still have a long ways to go. We can, and we must, do better!

I understand this can be a difficult issue to think about because you are talking about your own death. However, you can see BELOW how bad our numbers are in New York. Now, think if it was your Mom or Dad, brother or sister, husband or wife or God forbid, your son or daughter, and they were in need of a life-saving transplant. Might you POSSIBLY think differently about this issue? Might you possibly consider REGISTERING to be an organ donor? I hope so.

***Please consider registering today and help save lives.
Thank you for your time and consideration.***



Teresa and I at her wedding in 2004.

Organ Donation by the Numbers

(as of November 2025)

One donor can save the lives of 8 people through organ donation and improve the lives of 75 more through eye and tissue donations.

- Number of New Yorkers on organ donation waiting list: approximately 8,000.
- Number of New Yorkers who have been on the waiting list for 5 or more years: 800.
- Number of New Yorkers who died waiting for a transplant in 2024: nearly 400.
- New York has the 3rd highest need for organ donations but one of the worst donor enrollment rates in the country.

We can, and we must, do better!

9 Easy Ways to Register

- 1 New York State Donate Life Registry website at donatelife.ny.gov
- 2 NYS Department of Motor Vehicles: while applying for a junior driver license, license, non-driver identification card, or a renewal of any of these documents
- 3 New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website at my.dmv.ny.gov/mydmv
- 4 New York State of Health: applying for health insurance
- 5 Voter Registration: registering to vote
- 6 Department of Environmental Conservation: applying for a fishing, hunting, or trapping license
- 7 Department of State: applying for certain professional licenses
- 8 New York City Municipal Identification Card: applying for or renewing ID card
- 9 A printable enrollment form is available at: donatelife.ny.gov/download-forms/



Assemblyman Palmesano, Steuben County Legislative Chair Kelly Fitzpatrick, Steuben County Clerk Judy Hunter, New York State DMV Commissioner Mark Schroeder, and employees of the Steuben County DMV

7 Easy Ways To Promote Organ & Tissue Donation In New York State



1. **JOIN IT:** If YOU have not already enrolled as an organ and tissue donor, register today at www.donatelife.ny.gov/register.
2. **HOST IT:** Host a donor registration drive. Donate Life New York State is here to help! Email info@dnys.org.
3. **LINK IT:** Add a link to www.donatelife.ny.gov/register on your website.
4. **SHOUT IT:** Follow Donate Life NYS on social media and share organ and tissue donation content with your own followers: facebook.com/donatelifenys, x.com/donatelifenys, youtube.com/donatelifenys, instagram.com/donatelifenys.
5. **SHARE IT:** Display the link to the NYS Donate Life Registry (www.donatelife.ny.gov/register) on your social media accounts. Ask your friends to share it, too.
6. **DISPLAY IT:** Display registry enrollment brochures and posters at your place of employment. These can be obtained by emailing info@dnys.org.
7. **ENCOURAGE IT:** Send a personal email to friends and family containing the link to the NYS Donate Life Registry (www.donatelife.ny.gov/register).

For more information about organ and tissue donation or any other legislative matter, please contact my district office at (607) 776-9691.



American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has
an emergency blood shortage.
They need your help!



Upcoming Blood Drives In Your Community:

Chemung County

January 28 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 442

Horseheads

February 17 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Big Flats American Legion

Big Flats

March 18 12:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 442

Horseheads

April 14 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Big Flats American Legion

Big Flats

Schuyler County

January 23 11:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Watkins Glen Community Center

155 S. Clute Park Dr., Watkins Glen

February 25 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Montour Moose Lodge

2096 State Rt. 14, Montour Falls

March 27 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Watkins Glen Community Center

155 S. Clute Park Dr., Watkins Glen

March 30 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Watkins Glen Community Center

155 S. Clute Park Dr., Watkins Glen

April 23 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Montour Moose Lodge

2096 State Rt. 14, Montour Falls

Seneca County

February 17 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Ovid Fire Department

2136 Brown St., Ovid

April 21 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Ovid Fire Department

2136 Brown St., Ovid

May 19 11:00 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Romulus High School

5705 NY-96, Romulus

June 16 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Ovid Fire Department

2136 Brown St., Ovid

Steuben County

January 20 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Bath Community Library

101 W. Morris St., Bath

January 22 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Hornell VFW Post 2250

245 Canisteo St., Hornell

January 27 11:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Guthrie Corning Hospital Auxiliary

1 Guthrie Dr., Corning (Education/Conference Center)

January 29 11:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m.

Hammondsport Fire Department

8521 State Rt 54, Hammondsport

February 5 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 1248

Carter St., Arkport

February 11 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

United Church of Painted Post

201 N. Hamilton St., Painted Post

February 20 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Addison Community Center

13 Community Dr, Suite 103, Addison

March 17 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Campbell Savona High School

8455 County Rt 125, Campbell

March 28 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Woodhull Fire Department

5193 W. Main St, Woodhull

April 8 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 1248

Carter St, Arkport

Yates County

January 21 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Benton Fire Department

932 Rt 14A, Penn Yan

February 3 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 600

10 Spring St, Dundee

February 27 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Penn Yan Academy

305 Court St, Penn Yan

March 12 1:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

Branchport Fire Department

3686 State Rt 54A, Branchport

March 18 12:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Himrod Fire Department

3530 Himrod Rd, Himrod

Please call the number below to confirm the Blood Drives in your area have not changed dates, times or locations.

Download the Blood Donor App | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) | 1-800-RED Cross (733-2767)