

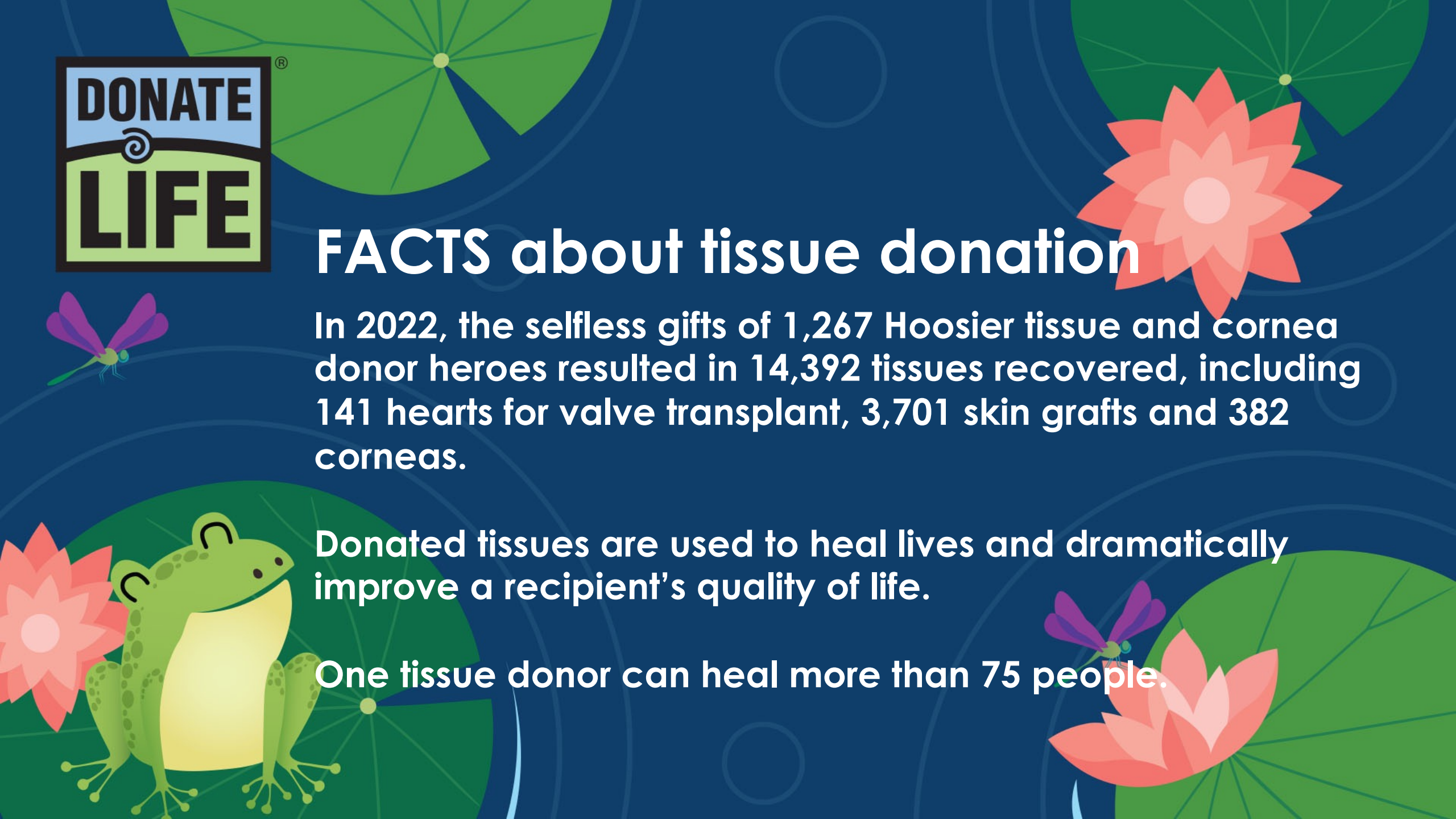


# FACTS about tissue donation

In 2022, the selfless gifts of 1,267 Hoosier tissue and cornea donor heroes resulted in 14,392 tissues recovered, including 141 hearts for valve transplant, 3,701 skin grafts and 382 corneas.

Donated tissues are used to heal lives and dramatically improve a recipient's quality of life.

One tissue donor can heal more than 75 people.





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These tissues can be donated for reconstructive surgical procedures:

- Skin heals burn victims or patients with serious infections.
- Veins restore circulation.
- Bones prevent need for amputation.
- Heart valves repair many cardiac defects.
- Corneas to restore sight.
- Ligaments, tendons and cartilage restore mobility.





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Each year, more than 30,000 donors provide tissues for nearly 2.5 million transplants.

Anyone, regardless of age, can donate tissue if they are medically suitable at their time of death.

Indiana Donor Network receives tissue donor referrals when someone dies. An initial determination of donor eligibility is based on a medical evaluation and family and social information.



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Everyone registered as an organ donor is also registered as a tissue donor. If not registered, the deceased's family can authorize donation.

Tissue donation must be initiated within 24 hours of a person's death. Unlike organs, donated tissues can be processed and stored for an extended time.





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