



Community Tissue Services®

Facts about Community Tissue Services and Tissue Donation

- Community Tissue Services serves donor families, physicians, hospitals and its community partners by providing education, recovery, processing and distribution of quality tissue grafts.
- Community Tissue Services serves hospitals throughout the United States by providing tissue grafts for patients in need of a lifesaving or life-enhancing transplant.
- Community Tissue Services complies with all federal and state regulations and is strongly committed to providing the highest quality of tissue for transplantation.
- Community Tissue Services is accredited by the American Association of Tissue Banks.
- Community Tissue Services' Center for Tissue, Innovation and Research is ISO 13485:2003 certified.
- Community Tissue Services is one of the largest tissue banks in the United States. In 2010, Community Tissue Services distributed over 165,000 tissue grafts for transplantation.
- Community Tissue Services is the largest non-profit provider of skin grafts to surgeons for severe burn patients.
- More than 1 million tissue transplants are performed each year in the United States.
- Tissue that can be donated includes heart valves, skin, bone, veins, tendons and ligaments.
- A tissue graft is often a necessary part of medical treatment for a multitude of diseases and injuries, from bone fracture or ligament repair to heart surgery.
- A single tissue donor can save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people.
- Transplanted tissue offers patients a new chance at healthy, productive and normal lives.
- To find out more about Community Tissue Services and tissue donation, please visit www.communitytissue.org. To view the heartfelt stories of tissue donors and recipients, and learn how you can become involved, visit Community Tissue Services at www.fiftylives.org.