



Brain  
Donor  
Project

## Our Mission:

To advance neurological science by raising awareness of the critical need while simplifying the process of human brain donation for research.

## It's Urgent

Someone in your circle is among the 50 million Americans suffering from a neurological disease or disorder. Add in the number of families who struggle to help. And consider that the total will escalate since Americans are living longer, and with age comes a greater chance of being diagnosed. The devastating impact of brain disease—Autism, Parkinsons, addiction, depression, traumatic brain injury, etc.—is only getting worse.

The work to solve complex brain disorders has progressed rapidly in the last 20 years as scientists identified the genomic foundations of many diseases. Breakthroughs are closer than ever now, but scientists simply cannot get there without an adequate supply of human brain tissue. So in late 2013, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) established the NeuroBioBank as a structure for researchers to request high quality, well-characterized human brain tissue for their investigations. The NeuroBioBank then contracts with a network of brain banks to retrieve, prepare for lab use, store and distribute the human post mortem brain tissue.

Now, science needs us. The Brain Donor Project has been established to support the NeuroBioBank in making available this most precious resource. The demand for tissues from donors with certain disorders or from specific brain regions can quickly deplete these valuable reserves, putting life-saving research in jeopardy. And non-diseased tissues from control brains are necessary in every single study to validate findings. Low supplies will slow progress.

## How It Works:

Arranging to donate your brain for research may be the most valuable legacy you can leave to improve the health and wellbeing of future generations.



**1. VISIT OUR SITE  
BRAINDONORPROJECT.ORG**



**2. LEARN ABOUT BRAIN DONATION  
& HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**



**3. REGISTER TO DONATE  
YOUR BRAIN WHEN YOU DIE**



**4. RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION  
& CONSENT FORMS**



**5. COMPLETE AND RETURN  
TO YOUR BRAIN BANK**



**6. TELL YOUR FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS**