



Comparison Table of Whole Body and Organ/Tissue Donation Organizations

	UCLA	University of Tennessee's Forensic Anthropology Center	One Legacy	Science Care	Life Legacy
Type of Donation:	Whole Body	Whole Body	Organ/Tissue	Whole Body	Whole Body
Purpose of Donation:	Medical research and education.	Systematic studies of human decomposition.	Organ/Tissue Donation (transplant). This is in conjunction with the DMV "pink dot" on driver's license.	Medical research and education.	Medical research and education.
Cost to family:	No cost if within 75 miles of UCLA. If body is more than 75 miles from UCLA, family pays for transport (UCLA organizes transport).	No cost for donation. Family will be responsible for transportations costs to Tennessee	No Cost for donation. Family will be responsible for paying funeral and disposition expenses.	No Cost	No Cost



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Specific requirements:	Death must occur within the 6 Southern California counties of LA, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, SD, and Ventura. SB county may be acceptable with prearrangements.	Nationwide organization. No embalming.	Nationwide organization.	Body not eligible if death occurred in NJ or Minnesota.	Body can be anywhere in continental United States.
Pre-planning:	Preplanning is required under most circumstances. Cases will be considered individually. (see website for details on registration)	Optional (see details on website for registration)	Optional (see details on website for registration)	Optional (see details on website for registration)	Optional (see details on website for registration)
Accreditation:	TJC *	None	AATB*, AOPO*, EBAA *, Calif. State Licensed, FDA	AATB*	AATB*



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Corporate Status:	Non-profit	Private University	Non-profit	For-profit	Non-profit
Based in:	Los Angeles, CA	Knoxville, Tennessee	Los Angeles, CA	Phoenix, AZ	Tucson, AZ
Year Established:	1955 (medical established)	1982	ROPA * became One Legacy in 2001	2000	1997
Who benefits:	Educational, clinical, and research pursuit at UCLA. Rarely a body will be used elsewhere, but if it is it will always be returned to UCLA for disposition.	The skeletal collections provide the opportunity to study modern human skeletal variation, pathology and trauma. Anthropologists and law enforcement have direct application of this type of research.	Transplant centers in LA, San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside. The tissue/organ will be delivered nationwide depending on need/match.	Universities, government agencies, corporate and private medical institutions within the United States.	Academic, corporate, and government research institutions around the world.



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Will family know how the body was of benefit?:	No	No. However, all bodies undergo natural decomposition and skeletal remains are uniquely identified and become a part of the Bass Donated Skeletal Collection.	Information is confidential. Family will know age, sex, occupation, and general location of donor or recipient. Families may communicate with one another via OPO * and can choose to meet if both parties are interested.	Family will be told what research projects were being worked on at the time.	Yes. Family receives a summary packet outlining the benefits of the loved one's gift.
Remains:	Not returned to family.	Not returned to family; however, visitations of remains can be arranged.	Body returned to family at no cost. Body is appropriate for viewing (i.e. open casket). Family pays for funeral, burial, cremation, and disposition.	Cremated remains returned to family in 3-5 weeks at no cost.	Cremated remains returned to family in 4-6 weeks at no cost.
Phone contact:	(310) 794-0372	(865)-974-4408	(800) 338-6112	(800) 417-3747	(888) 774-4438



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TJC - The Joint Commission (formerly The JCAHO: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)

AATB – American Association of Tissue Banks

AOPO – Association of Organ Procurement Organizations

EBAA – Eye Bank Association of America

ROPA – Regional Organ Procurement Agency

OPO – Organ Procurement Organization