



BREAST RECONSTRUCTION  
AWARENESS USA

**BRA  
DAY**

# BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AND SKIN DONATION FACT SHEET

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**1 in 8 American women** will develop invasive breast cancer over their lifetime.

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There are currently **3.5 million** BReave breast cancer survivors in the US today.

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Owing to earlier detection and advanced treatments, the **5-year survival rate** for breast cancer is now **90%**.

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There are now many options available for breast reconstruction after a mastectomy, including **reconstruction using implants**, or **tissues from a woman's own body**.

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**Only 23% of women** have the knowledge of those options needed to make the breast reconstruction choice that's right for them. BRA Day aims to **change that!**

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The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 requires health plans that offer mastectomy coverage to also provide for breast reconstruction and prostheses.

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**137,000 women** chose to undergo breast reconstruction in 2020.

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Over **59,000 Implant-Based Reconstructions** were performed using an acellular dermal graft made from donated human skin.

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**Just ONE** skin donor's tissues can help more than five women undergoing breast reconstruction surgery.

- People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors.
- The decision to be a donor does not affect the level of medical care for a sick or injured person.
- Most major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

**• One organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and restore health to over 75 others.**

- A skin donor can help individuals with breast reconstruction post-mastectomy, treatment of wounds & burns, and hernia repairs.



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