

When was ConnectLife established?

On August 15, 2019, Unyts rebranded to become what is now ConnectLife. This change came after two years of extensive research and interviews during which we learned that although Unyts had strong name recognition, there was little awareness of everything our organization does to help our community. It was decided that a name change was necessary to better represent what we do, which, at its core, is connecting families, neighbors, and communities. ConnectLife emerged as the name that was best associated with not only connecting people through blood, organ, eye, and tissue donation, but also conveying a sense of warmth, caring, optimism, and hope.

What does ConnectLife do?

ConnectLife is the federally designated Organ Procurement Organization for the eight counties of WNY, and the tissue recovery agency for Central New York region and the capital Region of New York. ConnectLife works to assist donor families, coordinate the donation process and increase knowledge and awareness within the community regarding transplantation.

The ConnectLife Community Blood Service was started in 2007 under the premise that local hospitals had long been seeking an alternative with regard to obtaining blood. A subsequent feasibility study found that a community blood bank organized through ConnectLife was the best alternative.

Today, ConnectLife's blood center has become an integral part of WNY's medical community, providing the best blood products possible when area hospitals are in need. ConnectLife is able to react and quickly and efficiently provide blood needed to save someone's life. ConnectLife is the primary supplier of blood products to Kaleida Health, ECOM, Brooks-TLC Health Network, Eastern Niagara Hospital, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, Olean General Hospital, Wyoming County Community Health System and Bradford Regional Medical Center. This accounts for over 75% of the blood needs in WNY.

Who is the CEO of ConnectLife?

ConnectLife is currently headed by President & CEO Mark J. Simon.

Is ConnectLife a non-profit?

Yes, ConnectLife operates as a non-profit. As a federally designated not-for-profit organ procurement organization and community blood bank, we save and enhance lives through organ, eye, tissue and blood donation.

How do I apply for a job with ConnectLife?

Successfully responding to the needs of our blood donors, donor families, community partners and employees is paramount to us. We are an organization that cares. We look for people who C.A.R.E. If you are interested in learning more about career opportunities with ConnectLife please [CLICK HERE](#).

How can I get more information about ConnectLife?

If you have a question about ConnectLife or would like to request materials, such as-

Brochures

NYS Donate Life Registry enrollment cards

ConnectLife materials for a funeral, memorial service, wedding, fundraiser, etc.

A speaker at your school, work, place of worship or community group

An in-service at your health facility

Please email info@ConnectLife.org or call 716.529.4353.