



## **About MTF**

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### **Mission Statement**

The Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation is a non-profit service organization dedicated to providing quality tissue through a commitment to excellence in education, research, recovery and care for recipients, donors and their families.

### **Background**

No longer in the shadows of medical practice and organ transplantation, tissue banking and tissue transplantation are coming of age. Today, over 900,000 Americans receive tissue transplants each year. The Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation, known as MTF, is in the forefront of providing these life saving and life-enhancing tissues. MTF was founded in 1987 by surgeons. It is a non-profit national consortium of academic medical institutions and organ and tissue recovery organizations across the country that recovers, processes and distributes donated human tissue for use in transplant surgery and research. MTF is headquartered in Edison, New Jersey, with additional facilities located in Pennsylvania, California, Minnesota and Germany, with recovery sites operated by MTF in Wisconsin, California, Illinois and New York.

A leader in the tissue banking community, MTF's work touches the lives of many and, throughout its history, MTF has made a significant mark on the tissue banking world. MTF has become the number one tissue bank in the nation and is one of the largest providers of allografts in the world, according to the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB). MTF provides the largest assortment of allografts available for transplantation – more than 650 different configurations of tissue including bone, skin and heart valves. Thanks to the generosity of donors and their families, MTF tissue is used to enhance the lives of patients in many ways – to help patients walk again, or recover from debilitating and painful spinal conditions, or to salvage limbs that might have been amputated due to cancers, to repair complex traumatic abdominal wall injuries, reconstruct facial defects such as cleft palate, or in breast reconstruction following mastectomy – to name just a few.

Since its inception in 1987, MTF has received tissue from over 80,000 donors and has distributed more than 3.5 million grafts for transplantation to treat patients in need.