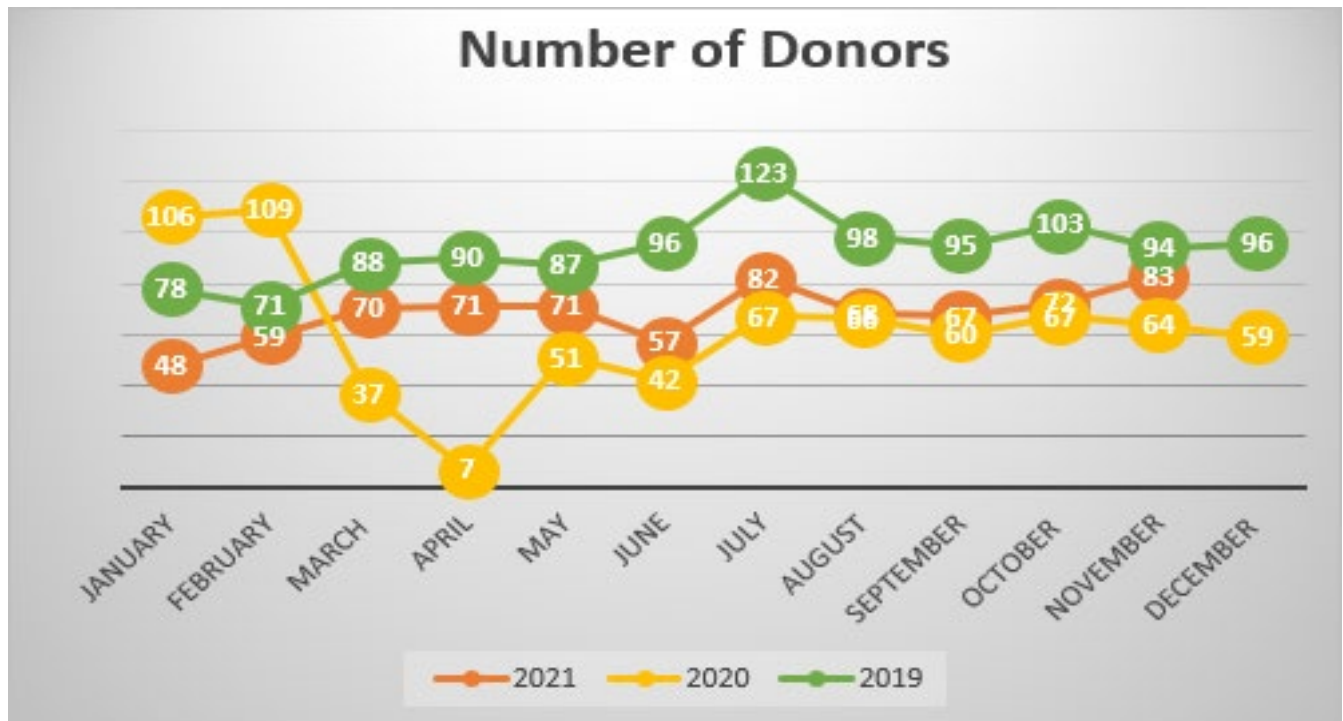


LEBW Donor Stats through November 2021



LEBW Staff Updates

- Welcome new staff members:
 - Kendall McDonald, Recovery Technician
 - Janice Coenen, Recovery Technician
 - Timothy Grutzmacher, Recovery Technician
 - Ashley Serra, Donor Support Coordinator
 - James Swanson, PT Family Services Care Specialist

LEBW Transporter Stats

- Approximately 72 Wisconsin Lions Clubs made over 206 transports from September 16 to December 31, 2021 – thank you! All drop-off and pick-up locations are now fully open. Masks must be worn where facilities are mandating (vaccinated or not).

Thank You

- Thank you, Sun Prairie Lions Club, for the use of their clubhouse for our October board meeting.

Other News

- LEBW is preparing to participate in a National Clinical Trials research study to examine the impact of diabetes and its severity in donors and recipients who receive a type of transplant surgery known as Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK). The DMEK surgical procedure has quickly become a preferred type of transplant performed by corneal surgeons for qualified patients. With diabetes in nearly 40% of the donor population, determining which donors with diabetes are suitable and which are not is a very important question to address. Dr. Lass, the study chair, is from Eversight in Ohio. Dr. Lass is the recognized expert in Endothelium and among the top 1% of scholars with published works about Endothelium over the past ten years. It is an honor and an excellent opportunity for our eye bank to work with Dr. Lass.

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- On Friday, January 7, 2022, LEBW teamed up with Madison Central Lions Club for their annual blood drive. The blood drive was held at Festival Foods in downtown Madison. We shared information about LEBW and organ, eye, and tissue donation. We appreciate the opportunity to table at events like this!

