The mission of FACTS is to advance forensic anthropology through world-class education, research, and outreach.

What Do We Do?
- Conduct scientific research in human decomposition and skeletal biology
- Train law enforcement and future forensic scientists
- Provide expertise in human decomposition and human skeletal analyses

Whole Body Donation Facts
The gift of one’s body is a generous gift and an invaluable resource for education and scientific research.

Who is eligible to donate?
- FACTS accepts body donations under the Universal Anatomical Gift Act. We accept pre-registered donors and body donations made by the legal next-of-kin.
- FACTS will accept bodies that have been autopsied.
- FACTS will accept individuals that have donated organs.
- FACTS will not accept donors that have been embalmed, weigh over 500 pounds, or have an active communicable infectious disease.
- Donations not meeting these requirements can be donated as cremations.

What is the donor body used for?
- FACTS uses gifted bodies for scientific research related to human decomposition and skeletal biology.
- The gifted body is usually either placed on the surface or buried and the process of decomposition is documented.
- After decomposition, the body is processed and the skeleton is accessioned into the Texas State University Donated Skeletal Collection (TXSTDSC).
- The TXSTDSC is used for teaching, research, and outreach.

What is the cost to the family?
- There is no cost unless the donor must be temporarily stored, transported more than a 100 miles, or cremated.
- Donors outside the 100 mile radius of San Marcos, Texas are responsible for arranging transportation to the Austin Airport or to FACTS.

Donation Process
- Visit www.txstate.edu/anthropology/facts for donation forms and answers to FAQs.
- Inform your family of your wishes to donate.
- Complete the appropriate donation packet and return to FACTS.
- Complete your donor card and carry with you.
- Upon death, FACTS will pick up your body from a funeral home, hospital, medical examiner’s office, or hospice center within 100 miles of San Marcos or from the Austin Airport.
- We cannot pick up donors from a private residence.

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