



Organ Donation Letter of Intent

Use this letter to write down your wishes for the donation of your organs, and share this with your family so that they are aware of your decision. Discuss your decision with them and ask them what their wishes are for themselves.

Dear (Parent/Guardian):

Today I learned about organ and tissue donation through the MORE HEALTH Organ Education, Abuse and Donation Lesson. An important part of the lesson was the need for me to share my wishes about donation and transplantation with you. As members of my immediate family, you may be asked for your consent to donate my organs and tissues. Discussing my wishes for donation will help you to support and understand my decision as written below.

My feelings are as follows:

_____ I **WISH** to be an organ and/or tissue donor.

_____ I **DO NOT** wish to be an organ and/or tissue donor.

_____ I am not sure at this time.

I'd also like to know how you feel about this subject and to talk with you about your wishes.

Signature _____ Date _____



ORGAN EDUCATION, ABUSE, AND DONATION

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ORGAN AND TISSUE TRANSPLANT FACTS

- ♥ Blood donation is possible if someone is 16 or older, weighs at least 110 pounds and is generally in good health.
- ♥ An auto accident victim might need up to 50+ units of red blood cells.
- ♥ It takes approximately 6 whole blood donations to provide enough platelets for one transfusion of platelets. Platelets are critical to stop bleeding in patients with cancer, leukemia, open-heart surgery, transplants and blood disorders.
- ♥ One organ and tissue donor can save up to 8 lives and help more than 75 individuals through tissue donation.
- ♥ More than 106,000 Americans are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and thousands more could benefit from life enhancing tissue transplants.
- ♥ Every 10 minutes someone is added to the national organ waiting list.
- ♥ Criteria for transplant patient selection may include medical urgency, time on the waiting list, blood type, tissue type, height, weight, and distance from the donor hospital.
- ♥ 20 people die each day waiting for an organ transplant.
- ♥ Kidney is the organ in greatest need.
- ♥ All major world religions support organ and tissue donation as a final act of compassion and giving towards others.
- ♥ Ultimately, it is your body and your decision. Discuss your views about organ donation with your family or guardian. In addition, you can choose to sign up on the donor registry @ www.donateliflorida.org.

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