



You have the power to Donate Life

Be an Organ, Eye & Tissue Donor

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Teachers Saving Lives

Prepare your students to do the same.

Donating Life to the Classroom

Join hundreds of other teachers across the state in saving lives by educating students about organ, eye and tissue donation. Help make young people aware of this topic and able to make an educated decision about being a donor. Donate Life Northwest makes it easy with the free resources listed below.

What we offer:

Curricula: A School Program That Gives the Gift of Life

Decision: Donation, developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is being distributed to high schools throughout the United States. The curriculum aims to educate the nation's youth about the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation. It emphasizes the need to make an informed decision about whether to be a donor and encourages students to share their donation wishes with their families.

This curriculum contains a basic stand-alone Core Lesson as well as a variety of specialty lesson plans for specific areas of study. The Core Lesson can be taught in one 45 minute class in any curriculum setting. Specialty lesson plans for specific subjects are suitable for use in driver's education, health education, biology, social studies, English, and mathematics classes.

The curriculum contains a multifaceted set of materials—print, video, CD-ROM, and web-based—making it easy for educators to integrate the topic of organ and tissue donation into their existing curriculum.

Speakers: A Personal Connection

Every year Donate Life Northwest reaches thousands of students through our informative and thought-provoking presentations. Our trained guest speakers include:

- **Organ, eye and tissue recipients**
- **Living donors**
- **Donor family members**
- **Health Care professionals**

All speakers have a personal connection to organ, eye and tissue donation and offer unique perspectives on this important issue. During these presentations, speakers cover the basics of transplantation and the impact of donation on the lives of recipients and donors.



What we offer cont'd:

Videos: A Variety of Lengths and Approaches

- **Share Your Life, Share Your Decision** (18 min.), our most popular video, dramatically tells the stories of teens whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation. This video is specifically designed for teenagers and is presented in an engaging and dynamic format. Teacher guides are also available with this video.
- **No Greater Love** (16 min. or 57 min.) is an emotionally moving documentary film focused on the increasing need for healthy transplantable organs in the United States, as well as the healing that may come through the act of donation.
- **Medicine's Modern Miracle** (23 min.) provides a scientific look at the world of transplantation. Transplant surgeons are interviewed as well as patients. Organ recipients and donor family members share their personal stories, providing a personal connection to donation.

Senior Project and Volunteer Opportunities: A Great Way to Get Involved

There are numerous ways for students to get involved with Donate Life Northwest and provide public education on donation and transplantation. Many students invent their own unique way of getting involved and we welcome their creativity! Here are some examples:

- Organize a "Donor Awareness Day" at school
- Plan an activity or competition for a school assembly
- Distribute Registry information at a school blood drive
- Display a Threads of Life quilt at school
- Invite a Personal Story Speaker to the classroom
- Submit an article on donation and transplantation to the school newspaper

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Create a powerful introduction to this topic by combining curriculum and/or videos with a trained speaker from Donate Life Northwest. Students learn the basic facts **and** hear from someone whose life has been touched by donation. Our senior project and volunteer opportunities provide students with the chance to get involved with their school and their community.

Start saving lives! Contact us today!

