

# YOU CAN MAKE A *Difference*

## *Share your life.*

More than 80,000 Americans are waiting for organ transplants and hundreds of thousands more need tissue transplants. Thousands die needlessly each year due to lack of donors. You can help save lives by deciding now to be an organ and tissue donor.

## *Share your decision.*

At the time of your death, your family will be asked about donation. Sharing your decision with your family now will help them carry out your wishes later. This can provide your family with great comfort.

## Children's Organ Transplant Association

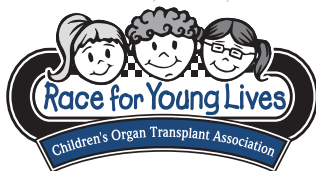
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Sign the card below in your family's presence and carry it in your wallet.

**SIGNED BY THE DONOR AND THE FOLLOWING TWO  
WITNESSES IN THE PRESENCE OF EACH OTHER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of donor

\_\_\_\_\_  
date signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
date signed

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date signed

This is a legal document under the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act or similar law.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## *What organs and tissues can I donate?*

Organs you can donate include heart, kidneys, pancreas, lungs, liver and intestines. Tissues you can donate include eyes, skin, bone, heart valves, veins and tendons. One person can help 50 other people.

## *Are there any costs to my family for donation?*

No. The donor's family or estate is never charged.

## *Will my decision to become a donor affect the quality of my medical care?*

No. Organ and tissue recovery happens only after every effort has been made to save your life and death has been declared.

## *Will donation disfigure my body? Can there be an open casket funeral?*

Donation neither disfigures the body nor rules out an open casket funeral.

## *What happens to my donated organs and tissues?*

A national system is in place to distribute organs fairly. Factors such as race, gender, age, income or celebrity status are not considered when determining who receives organs or tissues. Buying and selling organs, tissues and eyes is illegal.

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## **UNIFORM DONOR CARD** *for*

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In the hope that I may help others, I hereby make this anatomical gift, if medically acceptable, to take effect upon my death. The words and marks below indicate my desires.

I give:    A >  Any needed organs/tissues.  
              B >  Only the following organs/tissues:

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specify the organ(s)/tissue(s) OR

For the purpose of transplantation, therapy, medical research or education:

C >  My body for anatomical study if needed.

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specify limitations or special wishes, if any.