



UNDERSTANDING ORGAN DONATION

No one can really understand the pain and sense of loss you are suffering right now. Although all the people around you wish they could help, there is nothing any of them can do to make your pain go away. It is very important for you to know that you have the power to help yourself. And, in doing so, you can help your loved one leave a legacy of life. Donation is truly an act of selfless giving. Your choice to donate has given hope and help to others in need.

By this time, you have been given an enormous amount of information. It can be very difficult to remember everything discussed during a stressful time. Here is a summary of important points about organ donation.

- Donation is an option only after all attempts to save your loved one have failed and death has been pronounced.
- Donation will not alter the appearance of your loved one. You may still have an open casket funeral if you wish.
- All costs related to organ donation are paid by Lifesharing. However, should you receive any hospital or doctors bills which you believe are related to the donation process, please contact our office as soon as possible.
- You will receive a letter in a few weeks from Lifesharing. This letter will explain which organs were recovered and give some information about the people who were helped because of your generosity.
- Lifesharing has continued support available for donor families. Family Services will contact you three months following donation.

Lifesharing is a nonprofit, federally certified organ and tissue procurement organization. We are dedicated to providing a link between people who are awaiting transplantation and potential donors. We also promote increased awareness and understanding of organ and tissue donation in our community.

For additional information please click [here](#).