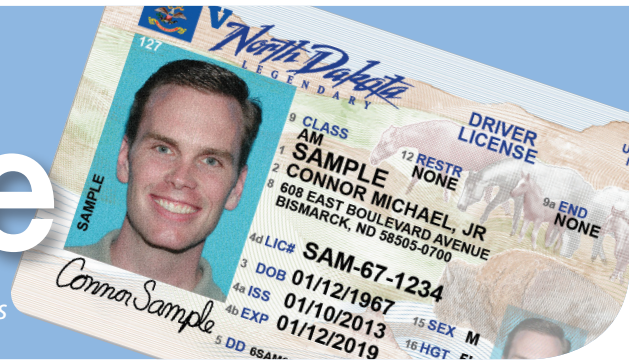


# DrivingHope

A newsletter for ND driver's license partners



## New Resources & Materials

I am excited to introduce the new *Driving Hope* newsletter! This newsletter will be sent out a few times a year to the offices of all driver's license (DL) partners in North Dakota and is a resource for you to update your teams on the latest data, get to know fellow DL partners, and for information on changes and upcoming events.

### Smaller Handouts

The first update I want to provide you is that we now have new, smaller handouts available. This smaller, condensed version of the *Your Decision* brochure is now available on the Materials Request Form and will be offered in addition to the brochure-size *Your Decision* flyer that you are familiar with.

The Minnesota DL partners have been stapling the smaller donor document card with the paperwork of every driver's license and state ID transaction. I encourage you all to order the new smaller donor document card as another resource for your customers.

### Blue and Green Day

The second update this month is the introduction of Blue & Green Day to all of the DL offices in our service area. Included with this newsletter is more information on how your office can get involved with this fun way to spread awareness about organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation.

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### Upcoming Events

Blue and Green Day!  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

For more information,  
please read the enclosed flyer

### Did You Know?...

The oldest organ  
donor was  
93 years old.

### Materials

All materials are free of charge  
and can be ordered at  
[www.DonateLifeND.org/order](http://www.DonateLifeND.org/order)

- Brochures
- Donor document cards *New!*
  - Pens
  - Wrist bands
  - Counter mats
  - Posters
  - Clipboards

# Spotlight

## Matt Nelson Donor – Bismarck



Danyel, Jordan and Caleb

Matt Nelson was a giver. He gave three years of service in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

On family outings he would often buy sandwiches and water and give it to people he saw on the street. He would provide them with a business card and let them know if they were looking for work, they could call him and he would find something for them to do.

He just wanted to help.

He knew the value of family and treasured his time with his wife, Danyel, and their two sons Jordan, 16, and Caleb, 4. He treasured special moments teaching his oldest to drive and enjoying cartoons and movies with his youngest. He gave laughter, happiness, joy, friendship, love.

Over a typical hometown Thanksgiving dinner, surrounded by loved ones, the Nelsons were ready to enjoy their holiday.

Then, the next morning—

Danyel woke to find her husband of 17 years, Matt, lying in bed unresponsive. In that blurry moment, she recalls feeling as if her heart was actually being yanked from her chest.

Matt was taken to the hospital, but never regained consciousness.

She clearly remembers when her 16 year old son, Jordan, looked her directly in the eye and told her that after an exhausting five days of second, third and fourth opinions, it was time to let him go. At 37 years old, Matt passed away from cardiac arrest.

It was no surprise that Matt had decided to be a donor, and Danyel protected his decision. His generous decision was transformed into a legacy of hope and healing for 76 people. Men and women, adults and children, coast to coast—all living with a gift from Matt.

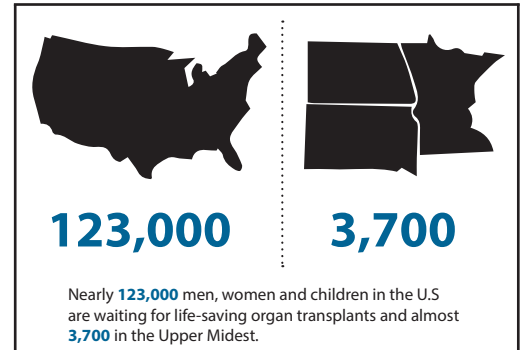
Matt Nelson was a giver. Fittingly, his gifts are now his legacy.

## Donor Designation (DD)

Donor Designation	Registered Donors	%
Minnesota	2,551,853	62
North Dakota	404,488	72
South Dakota	394,289	62
<b>Region Total (Q1, 2015)</b>	<b>3,350,630</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>National Total (2014)</b>	<b>124,823,866</b>	<b>51</b>

4th quarter, 2014

Percentage of 18+ population for comparison purposes



## Good Question!

*Should my age or health condition influence my decision to become an organ and tissue donor?*

Anyone can register. While medical history and age are factors, most people CAN donate. People with diabetes, hepatitis, and cancer sometimes CAN donate their organs. Age and health criteria are evaluated individually.



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