

"He was just the coolest, weirdest kid you could ever ever meet, but he had a really big heart, and a really big smile." "I remember hearing that she was a sweetheart. Very nice, very funloving, kinds crozy like me. I wish I could have met her."



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"When I check the box I feel like I'm giving someone their life back too." ••He is shining on through these other people.



# **Did You Know?**

- Anyone can register to be a donor, regardless of age and health conditions
- In your lifetime you are more likely to need a transplant than you are to be a donor
- More than 1 million people need tissue transplants each year
- All major religions support donation
- Nearly 50,000 people have their vision restored through cornea transplants every year



#### Test your knowledge more than one answer may be correct

### 1 Which of the following organs can be transplanted?

- a. heart and liver
- b. sweat glands and the appendix
- c. kidneys and pancreas
- d. lungs and intestine

#### 2 Which of the following tissues can be donated?

- a. bone, skin, and heart valves
- b. hair, toenails, and teeth
- c. corneas, connective tissue, and veins
- d. kidneys, liver, and intestine

#### 3 The number of people on the national transplant list:

- a. is less than 50,000 people
- b. is exactly 39,756 people
- c. increases every 10 minutes
- d. is more than 120,000

4 Organs are matched to potential recipients by the following:

- a. organ size and blood type
- b. severity of the patient's illness and length of time waiting
- c. genetic tissue matching
- d. who has the nicest car
- 5 How can people make their decision about donation known?
  - a. put it on their driver's license
  - b. talk with their family
  - c. online at www.DonateLifeMN.org
  - d. all of the above

### 6 Which of the following eye tissues can be transplanted?

- a. cornea
- b. retina
- c. sclera
- d. all of the above

The donor indication on your driver's license or state ID, or on Minnesota's online donor registry is authorization for donation and will ensure your decision is honored. If you are under the age of 18 your parents will be asked to affirm your decision. Organs and tissues that can be donated include heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, intestines, eyes, skin, heart valves, bone, veins and connective tissue.

## What can be donated?



through organ, eye and tissue donation.

# **Teens touched by donation**



**Christopher** made the decision to register as a donor on his driver's license. The quiet teen who loved his church, family and friends gave the gifts of organs, eyes and tissues following his death, saving and healing the lives of dozens of people.



**Halley** was just 11 years old when she found out that she would need a liver transplant to survive. Today she's a healthy, active teenager thanks to her donor, a 17 year old named **Kayla** who registered to be a donor on her driver's license.



**Anthony** made the decision to register as a donor on his state ID card. The 16 year old whose nickname was Prince Charming gave the gifts of tissues and eyes following his death, helping 54 people of all ages in 14 states.



**Elliott** found out he had a rare and aggressive form of liver cancer and that he would need a liver transplant to survive. Thanks to the gift of donation, Elliott is a healthy, normal teen who just received his own driving permit and proudly checked the box to be a donor.



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