



We honor life through donation.™

Dear Driver Education Student,

Gift of Life Michigan is the federally designated organ and tissue recovery program for Michigan. In Segment Two of your driver education class, you will learn about the vital importance of organ, tissue and eye donation. This information is provided because you will be asked to consider joining the Michigan Organ Donor Registry at the Secretary of State when you apply for your driver's license.

There are no age restrictions to join the Donor Registry. Minors may register without parental consent. However, until you turn 18, your parents have the final say about donation if something were to happen to you. We encourage you to discuss your donation decision with your family. If your family knows that you want to be a donor, they are more likely to support your decision. If you join the Donor Registry without telling them, it may come as a surprise to them. Your family may be more comfortable supporting your decision to donate if they know you want to save and improve lives by being a donor.

Here are some tips on starting a conversation about organ and tissue donation with your family:

- Educate yourself about donation before talking to your family. Having some basic facts in mind will give you the confidence to talk about your feelings and answer any questions raised by others. Refer to the Gift of Life Michigan website at golm.org
- Explain why donation feels like the right thing for you. Explain how one person can help save and heal up to 75 lives through donation.
- Share what you've learned in your driver education class, especially personal stories of those touched by organ and tissue donation. If you would like to show your family the video you watched in class, search "Your Decision to Donate" by Gift of Life Michigan at YouTube.com/giftoflifemichigan.

Thank you for considering the life-saving decision to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. For more information, visit golm.org and click on the Get Involved header, then click on Youth Outreach to find driver education material.

Sincerely,

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