

A Silver Lining

Oftentimes, donor families find comfort in hearing from the recipients of their loved one's cornea. A simple card, thank you note, or letter can be uplifting to the family and reassure them that they have made a wonderful decision to help others in the midst of their grief.

The Lions Eye Bank of the Northeast works with donor families who have unselfishly given permission for eye donation after the death of a family member. We will be happy to facilitate the communication between you and the donor family.



Some Information you may want to include:

Talk about yourself.

- Your job or occupation
- Hobbies - interests.
- Your family situation such as marital status, any children, grandchildren
- If you are Interested in meeting the donor

Talk about your transplant experience

- Use simple language
- Recognize the donor family and thank them for the gift
- Explain how the transplant has improved your vision and way of life.
- Are there things you can do now that you couldn't before the transplant?

Will I hear from the donor family?

You may or may not.

Some donor families have said that writing about their loved one and their decision to donate helps them in their grieving process.

Other donor families, even though they are comfortable with their decision to donate, prefer privacy and choose not to write to the transplant recipients.

Remember, the donor's family may still be coping with the loss of their loved one and individuals manage grief in different ways. While you may be celebrating the anniversary of receiving your transplant, it is also the anniversary of someone else's loss.

Things to keep in mind:

The beliefs of the donor family are unknown. Please consider this before making religious comments. Do not reveal your address, city, phone number, e-mail or address.

On Another Sheet of Paper:

Please provide your name, along with the the date of transplant, so that we will know which donor family to send it to. This will not be sent with your correspondence.

Your Privacy is important to us:

Please let us know if we may use any photos along with your written correspondence for our website. Often times when individuals see letters from transplant recipients, it helps encourage them to write a letter themselves.

By submitting your letter and photo you authorize us to use them for our website/ social media

**Please Address Your Correspondence to:
"Transplant Recipient"**

Submit your story on our website under contact us OR

Mail to:

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