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No Greater Love (1 hour)

This documentary film was funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Narrated by Angela Lansbury and featuring HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson, it was originally broadcast by PBS stations around the country. The film has been described by Wisconsin Public Television as focusing on “the healing that may come through the act of donation. The goal is to encourage families to discuss the issue of donation, as well as make their wishes known to their loved ones. . . . [The video] follows several families, health care providers and recipients to weave together an emotional and dramatic depiction of organ donation and transplantation in action.” Also available is a 15-minute version. (3-minute version is included with the videos provided as part of this guide.)

For information on how to obtain this video, call the Division of Transplantation, Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 301-443-7577.

Share Your Life. Share Your Decision (16 minutes)

This video was developed by the Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network—an organ procurement organization (OPO) working with hospitals and donor families in northern Illinois and northwest Indiana. The Gift of Hope describes this as a “video [that] dramatizes the need for organ donation and illustrates the need for students to make an educated decision about becoming donors. Real teenagers share their opinions, their fears, and their questions about donation.” (This video is included as part of this guide.)

For information on how to obtain this video, contact Gift of Hope at 888/307-DON8 or www.giftofhope.org.

Medicine’s Modern Miracle (23 minutes)

Developed by OneLegacy, A Transplant Donor Network, *Medicine’s Modern Miracle* relates the life stories of several people who have had successful transplants and also provides the perspective of donor families. This video offers slightly more technical information appropriate for students either currently studying, or with some knowledge of, biology. Medical and scientific information is delivered primarily by a pair of doctors who are identical twins. They use their twin status to explain some of the issues related to transplantation and rejection. (This video is included as part of this guide.)

For information on how to obtain this video, contact OneLegacy, A Transplant Donor Network at www.onelegacy.org.

Pass it On—I and II

These videos were developed by the Lisa Landry Childress Foundation.

Pass It On—I (12 minutes)

This award-winning video features the late legendary Dallas Cowboys Coach Tom Landry, father of Lisa Landry Childress, an organ recipient, and was developed specifically for children ages 9 -12. A storyline of sports teams and replacement players is used to present information about organ and tissue donation, as well as health and wellness, in a way that is nonthreatening and kid-friendly. A “spokeskid” narrates the video in a classroom setting that incorporates Lisa’s story as well as those of two other organ donors.

Pass It On II (10 minutes)

This video was developed as a tool to reach teenagers preparing to drive—a time when the question of whether to be an organ and tissue donation is often raised. People waiting for organs, recipients, donor families—teenagers and adults—share their stories and dispel myths. Fast-paced and contemporary in its “look,” the video, nevertheless, presents accurate and straightforward information on this important topic so viewers can make an informed decision about donation.

For information on how to obtain either of these videos, contact the Lisa Landry Childress Foundation at 1-888-221-LISA (5472) or at www.passitonforlife.org.

Christopher (28 minutes)

Christopher is an award-winning short documentary produced by a Fort Wayne, Indiana, TV station—WANE TV 15—with the cooperation of the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization (IOPO). Filmed mostly in a hospital setting, the video follows a mother and father as they make the decision to donate their young son Christopher’s organs after he was killed in an accident. From their arrival at the hospital to meeting some of the organ recipients their son helped to save, the video shares how the family has embraced Christopher’s life, death, and gifts to become ambassadors for organ donation. This widely-distributed video allows viewers to experience first hand the emotional aspects of the donation process, as well as learn about some of the medical and technical aspects of donation.

For information on how to obtain this video, contact the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization at www.iopo.org or 888-275-4676.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is helping to ease the critical shortage of organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donors through the Gift of Life Donation Initiative. The Department sponsors a Website devoted to donation and transplantation: www.organdonor.gov. Your local organ procurement organization (OPO) is another excellent source of information about organ and tissue donation. Many OPO Websites provide easily accessible information for your students. To locate your local OPO and other OPOs visit www.organdonor.gov/opo.htm.

The following Websites also provide information that can help you and your students in learning more about donation and transplantation. **Please note: The addresses of these links may change over time.**

Sites of General Interest

American Medical Association

www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/1945.html

Contains general information about organ and tissue donation.

Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO)

www.aopo.org

Provides information on OPOs and the role they play in the organ donation and transplantation process.

Coalition on Donation

www.shareyourlife.org

Provides general information about organ and tissue donation. Home page has an article about Chris Klug, a liver recipient who won an Olympic medal for snowboarding.

Life Link

www.organ.redcross.org.au

Organ donation Website sponsored by the Australian Red Cross.

Living Organ Donor.org

www.livingorgandonor.org

Dedicated to providing the most current information for people considering being a living donor of a solid organ—such as a kidney or a lobe of a liver or lung.

National Donor Family Council (NDFC)

<http://www.kidney.org/recips/donor/>

Contains information and resources for families of donors.

National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP)

www.nationalmottep.org

Comprehensive information about minority health issues relating to donation and transplantation.

National Transplant Assistance Fund

www.transplantfund.org/donation.html

Organization committed to educating the public about the critical need for organ donation.

The Nicholas Effect—A Boy's Gift to the World

www.nicolasgreen.org

Story about a young boy who was kidnapped and killed while on vacation with his family in Italy. His parents unselfishly donated his organs to seven Italians, an act which had a major positive impact on Italy's donation rates. Web site explores the ramifications of the family's generosity.

NOVA Online

www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/eheart/transplant.html

A Public Broadcasting Service Website that employs a virtual operating theatre to allow one to conduct a greatly simplified heart transplant operation. Provides an idea of what's involved in making a donor heart work in a recipient.

Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR)

www.ustransplant.org

Provides extensive data on donation and transplantation.

Second Wind

www.2ndwind.org

A Website containing information on transplantation.

Surgery Door

www.surgerydoor.co.uk/level2/body/organ_donation_majortransplantprocs.shtml

Explains major transplant medical procedures.

Transplant Week

www.transplantweek.org

Aims to have the latest news about transplantation.

TransWeb

www.transweb.org

This comprehensive Website sponsored by a nonprofit educational project provides valuable information about organ and tissue donation, as well as links to other valuable Websites. Of particular interest is a video called *Give Life: The Transplant Journey*, which is a trip through the donation process as a donor's family might see it.

United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)

www.unos.org

Provides up-to-date news of developments in transplantation, information on the number of patients on waiting lists, and extensive background material on organ donation and transplantation.

Web Sites Associated With Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation

www.argonet.co.uk/body/lnks.html

Provides a comprehensive list of known sources of support and information about organ donation and transplantation at different levels of interest.

Sites Devoted to Specific Organs, Tissues, Marrow, and Blood**American Association of Blood Banks (AABB)**

www.aabb.org

Site provides extensive information on blood and blood donation.

American Association of Tissue Banks

www.aatb.org

Contains extensive information on tissue donation and transplantation.

America's Blood Centers (ABC)

www.americasblood.org

Site for international network of local nonprofit blood centers. Contains easily accessible information about blood.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood, plasma, and tissue products in the U.S. and provides 20 percent of the nation's tissues for transplant. Site provides extensive information on becoming a blood or tissue donor.

Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA)

www.restoresight.org

Site of organization of eye banks dedicated to the restoration of sight through the promotion of eye banking.

The Foundation for Cardiovascular and Transplant Research

www.giftoftheheart.net/GIFTOFTHEHEART/default.asp.18.html

An organ donation Website with specific information about the heart.

International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation

www.ishlt.org

A Website which provides data pertaining to heart, lung, and heart-lung transplantation as well as links to a large number of informational websites.

The Marrow Foundation

www.themarrowfoundation.org

Dedicated to increasing the size and diversity of the National Registry of unrelated marrow donors.

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/other/hrt_lung.htm

Provides both current news and background information on heart and heart-lung transplants.

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/transplant.htm

Site of the The Division of Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation (DAIT) focuses on the immune system as it functions in the maintenance of health and as it malfunctions in the production of disease.

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

<http://kidney.niddk.nih.gov/kudisease/pubs/transplant/index.htm>

Site within the National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse that provides an in-depth explanation of the causes of kidney disease and an overview of the kidney transplantation process.

National Kidney Foundation (NKF)

www.kidney.org

Site of organization dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation.

National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP)

www.nmdp.org

This site provides general information on how to become a volunteer donor, answers the most frequently asked questions, and provides information on diseases treatable by marrow or blood stem cell transplantation.

A Patient's Guide to Liver Transplant Surgery

www.livertransplant.org/patientguide/donationfactors.html

Provides extensive information on liver transplant surgery.