

“My family  
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*conversation.*”



# One donor can transform the lives of up to *ten* recipients.

Organ transplants can be life-saving for heart, lung and liver recipients while kidney and pancreas transplants dramatically improve lives of recipients.

Tissue transplants include heart valves to save the lives of babies and young people, skin to treat people with severe burns and eye tissue to restore sight or repair eyes.

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“I am here as living proof that miracles do happen. But my miracle, like many others, came down to a family’s generous and brave decision. I’m incredibly thankful to them and feel blessed to say that I am a recipient of the ultimate gift - a donor liver.”

— *Recipient*

Tissue donation is possible in most circumstances when people die.

Organ donation is only possible when a person is on a ventilator in an intensive care unit, usually with devastating brain damage. Fewer than 1% of all deaths happen this way.

Your driver licence is only an indication of what you want. When donation is possible, a health professional will have a discussion with your family. They will ask your family for their agreement to donate, and what organs and tissues they agree to donate. This is why it is important to have a conversation with your family about your wishes.

Ayla has given *8 people* a better quality of *life*.

“Ayla didn’t get to live until she was 80. She only reached 17 but she has saved eight people’s lives. She’s made a profound difference to the lives of the recipients and their families. Ayla was a hero in her short life. She was a beautiful young lady and we miss her greatly. But her death hasn’t been totally in vain, some good has come from it and for that we’re grateful.”

— *Donor parents*

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