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For the next eight weeks, *The Record's Newspaper In Education Program* is working with **New Jersey's Sharing Network** to present a special series for middle and high school students, as well as adults. This series will examine organ and tissue donation from different angles, and may benefit classes studying medical issues, STEM subjects, as well as contemporary issues.

The Givers: *Saving lives through organ & tissue donation*

Understanding Donation

- **Anyone over 18** can decide to be a donor
- A person's physical condition, **not age**, determines ability to donate
- Possible organs include lungs, heart, kidneys, liver, pancreas, and intestine
- Organ donor information is entered into a national database to find suitable recipients

"Hero's Corner": *Grace Sato*

Losing my daughter, when she was only eight, opened a new door for me. I never thought about organ donation. I was young and my children, Tamiko and Reiko (then eight and four) were young. But when Tamiko was five, she died from a massive bleed in her brain due to a congenital defect. She died from massive hemorrhaging in her brain. There is so much I wish I did with her, but I made a promise I vowed to keep for her. Tamiko taught me to appreciate the time I have with my children now. Donating Tamiko's organs made a difference in so many lives. I may not be able to see her, but she lives on in so many.



Grace at the Jersey City Medical Wall of Heroes

Did You Know...

- One donor can save up to 8 lives in the U.S.
- Over 115,000 people are awaiting a life-saving organ transplant.
- In New Jersey, nearly 5,000 are waiting.
- An average of 18 people die each day waiting for a transplant.



For more information and age-appropriate educational materials, or to become a registered donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org or call 800-742-7365.