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**T**he Record's Newspaper In Education Program is working with **New Jersey Sharing Network** to present a special series for 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.

*Saving lives through organ & tissue donation*

*"Why are organ transplants necessary?"*

- Approximately 115,000 people in the United States and 5,000 in New Jersey are awaiting a life-saving organ transplant
- There are many diseases that lead to the need for transplants, including diabetes, cardiomyopathy, congenital heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, emphysema, hepatitis, and certain kinds of cancers
- An average of 18 people die each day waiting for a transplant

**"Hero's Corner":** *Jay Arisso, Sr.*

"I was shocked when my doctor told me that both my kidneys were failing and that I needed a transplant. Because we were a match, as a living donor, I was fortunate enough to receive one of my son's kidneys. I am living a life today that I didn't appreciate before and took completely for granted. Organ donation saves lives...it saved my life."



Jay Arisso, Sr., Kidney Recipient

**"What Can I Do?"**

- Encourage friends, family and co-workers to register to be organ & tissue donors, by visiting their local motor vehicle agency or [www.NJSharingNetwork.org](http://www.NJSharingNetwork.org)
- Tell them to discuss their wishes to be an organ & tissue donor with their family and loved ones

