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The Record's Newspaper In Education Program is working with **NJ 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

“How Are Youth Affected By Organ & Tissue Donation?”

People of all ages are potential organ and tissue donors and transplant recipients. Birth abnormalities, diseases, injuries and illnesses all could play a part in youth being affected. That is why involvement by youth is so important to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation and transplantation with their peers.

Many youth are raising awareness through:

Social Media Campaigns • Religious Youth Groups • Boy Scouts • Girls Scouts Interact Clubs, and so many other ways

“Hero's Corner”: *Sam Prince*

“I was born with a very sick heart. For 8 years I could not do the things kids my age do, such as go to school, make friends or play sports. On March 14, 2011, I got the call that changed my life. There was a heart for me! My family, especially my brother Max, and I are so grateful that my donor family made the generous decision to donate their child's organs. Max is on a mission to promote organ donation awareness. He tells everyone he meets to consider becoming an organ and tissue donor, because without organ donors, I probably would not be alive today. I can now go to school, ride a bicycle, play catch with my brother and even go swimming without my lips turning blue. Having a new heart is the greatest gift I could ever get!”



Sam Prince, heart recipient

“Student Activity”:

Search *The Record* to find advertisements and articles for upcoming local community events, such as health fairs, youth sports events. Create a letter to be sent to the event's organizer asking them for permission to have a display table at the event to distribute information about organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Compare letters with your classmates to find the one which is most persuasive.



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