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The Newspaper In Education Program is working with NJ Sharing Network to present this special series. More than 1.5 million Americans have their health restored each year through tissue donation. This series will examine tissue donation and transplantation from different angles.

## Saving lives through organ & tissue donation

### How can donated tissue help someone who is battling breast cancer?

Skin is one tissue that is recovered from deceased donors. More than 230,000 American women are diagnosed with breast cancer yearly. Many of these women have a mastectomy to remove cancerous cells. Breast reconstruction surgery may follow. Donated skin can be used to reconstruct a breast, providing a natural form once again.

## VIP Corner

### Alberta & Alyssa D'Addio, Donor Wife & Daughter

"My husband, Joe, died unexpectedly five years ago. His donated tissue has improved the lives of more than 80 people, including breast cancer survivors. I am also

a breast cancer survivor, as are two sisters and my mom. All of us are healthy today and thankful for the gifts of tissue donors. Reconstructive breast surgeries are performed every day, helping not only the physical, but also the emotional healing of the breast cancer patient. As a donor family, we celebrate my husband's life and gift every June at NJ Sharing Network's 5K Walk/Race in New Providence."



Alberta & Alyssa D'Addio

## Today's Exercise:

Take a poll of your classmates to see how many have relatives touched by breast cancer. Write an essay profiling one of them.

## What Can I Do?

The incidence of breast cancer is so high. Share what you learned about breast reconstruction with donated tissue.



For more information and age-appropriate educational materials, or to register as an organ and tissue donor, visit:

**[www.NJSharingNetwork.org](http://www.NJSharingNetwork.org) or call 800-742-7365.**