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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 does tissue donation help restore one's mobility?

The Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF), the nation's leading tissue bank and important partner of NJ Sharing Network, changes lives by connecting donors with surgeons and transplant recipients. A donated ligament or tendon can help restore a person's mobility. MTF has recovered tissue from more than 100,000 donors and distributed more than five million grafts for transplantation.

VIP Corner

Kimberly Young, Tissue Recipient

"I tore my meniscus and anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) years ago. My knee was so badly damaged I couldn't even walk without pain. My ACL was surgically replaced with a bone-tissue-bone graft. I can't imagine what my life would be like if I didn't have knee surgery. A few years ago, my three-year-old son started running through a busy parking lot and a car started backing up towards him. I dashed through the parking lot to get to him. There's no way I could have reached my son without my knee being surgically repaired. I thank my donor for allowing me to be able to save my child."



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Today's Exercise:

Using today's paper, create a collage illustrating activities that can be negatively impacted by damaged or unhealthy tissue. Include a brief message conveying the importance of tissue donation and its role in regaining the ability to do these activities.

What Can I Do?

On your social media sites, share a message on the importance of organ and tissue donation.



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

www.NJSharingNetwork.org or call 800-742-7365.