

NJ Sharing Network

saving lives through organ and tissue donation

Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Patti Jackson and I am the proud mom of five children. I'm writing to you today to tell you about one of my daughters, Zoë Gina Jackson. In 2011, Zoë was 13 months old when she was struck by a car in a crosswalk with her aunt and cousin. When the doctors finally told me there was no chance of Zoë surviving, there was only one thing that could give me hope.

With my consent, Zoë became an organ donor and saved the lives of three young boys. Her heart saved a two-year-old, her liver saved a one-year-old and her kidneys gave a 14-year-old a second chance. I have met the kidney recipient, Abel. He recently graduated from high school and is going to school to be a phlebotomist. He is now a part of our family.

Today, your child learned about the importance of organ and tissue donation. The class heard about the amazing gift that donors like Zoë have given to save the lives of others. They also learned that there is a critical need for transplants in New Jersey and across the country and the ways they can help give hope to those waiting.

I am so proud that my daughter was able to help others and I talk about it any chance I get. With NJ Sharing Network, I share Zoë's story all over New Jersey. It is always surprising to me when I speak with people who have never talked about donation with their own families. Now that your child has learned about donation, all I ask is that you have a conversation as a family.

Please fill out the form below for your child to bring back to class with them.

Thank you,

Patti Jackson
Mother of Organ Donor Zoë Gina Jackson



My child and I have talked about organ and tissue donation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org or email us at education@njsharingnetwork.org