

How to Start a Donate Life Club



The Donate Life Club has enabled me to achieve goals I've never deemed possible. I've kept my brother Matt's memory alive by saving others' lives through the education of organ donation."

— Zachary Roth
Founder, Hillsborough High School
Donate Life Club

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Contact us at
education@njsharingnetwork.org

- 1 Define a clear purpose for your club.** Write up a brief summary on why you feel it is important to educate your fellow classmates about organ and tissue donation. Then build a dedicated team to clearly define the purpose and goals of the club. Having a written plan will be useful when pitching the idea for the club to your school.
- 2 Understand your school's guidelines for starting a club.** Set up a meeting with your principal to discuss the requirements and approval process. Having an in-school adviser is essential. Identify a staff member to discuss your proposal with and ask if they are available to assist you.
- 3 Reach out for support.** Once you've had these discussions within your school and are ready to go, connect with NJ Sharing Network for additional support. Drop us an email at education@njsharingnetwork.org and one of our Community Educators will work with you to create and foster the club!

Once your club is underway, here are some great project ideas to get you started:

FUNDRAISE!

- Start a 5K team
- Hold a bake sale
- Start a NJ Sharing Network pin-up campaign

ADVOCATE!

- Set up an informational table during school lunch periods or sporting events
- Invite NJ Sharing Network to come to your school to do a presentation
- Become a certified volunteer
- Plan an event during Donate Life Month in April

SUPPORT!

- Lead a bubble release ceremony in honor of a donor family or recipient
- Write letters of thanks to hospital staff
- Learn how to knit or crochet and create shawls for donor families as part of our Wrapped in Love Program



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