2025 National Donate Life Month Hospital Newsletter Article Template

**[Hospital Name] Honors the Gift of Organ and Tissue Donation During National Donate Life Month**

April is National Donate Life Month - a time to celebrate the power of organ and tissue donation, honor the selfless donors who have saved and enhanced lives, and inspire more people to register as donors. At [Hospital Name], we are proud to stand alongside our partners at NJ Sharing Network in championing this lifesaving mission.

Throughout April, we will join communities across the state in raising awareness about the critical need for organ and tissue donation and recognizing the incredible impact of donors and their families. This year, [Hospital Name] has planned [add specific initiatives] to encourage our team members, patients, and the community to learn more and take action.

Every day, lives are transformed through the gift of donation, yet the need remains great. More than 100,000 people across the country are waiting for a transplant, including nearly 4,000 here in New Jersey. At [Hospital Name], we see firsthand the hope that donation brings, and we remain committed to making a difference in the lives of those in need. Last year alone, our hospital helped save and enhance the lives of [add specific hospital numbers] individuals through organ and tissue donation.

***Destiny Charles***

***Kidney Transplant Recipient***

*Destiny Charles recently celebrated 9 years since receiving a lifesaving kidney transplant. Her journey from battling a kidney disorder as a teenager to becoming an ICU nurse at Cooper University Hospital is a story of hope and resilience.

In 2005, Destiny's health journey began when she was a teenager getting ready to begin her first year at Plainfield High School. Despite initial hopes, Destiny's kidney function declined in the years that followed. At the age of 21, she needed dialysis treatments to keep her alive. Destiny faced the possibility of a lengthy wait for a transplant, but she remained optimistic.

“Dialysis was never easy, and life was hard. I tried to remain positive and live my life as best as I could – even though I often had to carry my dialysis machine around with me in a big box,” said Destiny.

In 2015, Destiny’s life began to change for the better when her aunt, Pelrique Price, generously donated her kidney as part of a paired kidney exchange program. Thanks to Pelrique’s gift, Destiny soon received ‘the call’ that a kidney match was ready for her transplant.

On March 17, 2015, Destiny’s successful kidney transplant surgery put her on a fast track to full recovery.

“I remember feeling lighter and more energized right away. I also looked forward to eating and enjoying food without the terrible aftertaste that I had before,” said Destiny.*

**We hope you will join us in celebrating the gift of life during Donate Life Month. Here are just some ways you can get involved:**

* Celebrate those who have been touched by the gift of life and show your support by wearing blue and green—the colors of donation—on National Blue & Green Day:
**Friday, April 11.**

* Ask your local elected official to declare April as Donate Life Month in your town. Download a sample proclamation (and other resources) at <https://www.njsharingnetwork.org/dlm-hospitals/>.
* Visit <https://www.njsharingnetwork.org/dlm-hospitals/> to download graphics to share on social media throughout April in celebration of National Donate Life Month.

To learn more, get involved and register as an organ donor, visit [www.NJSharingNetwork.org](http://www.NJSharingNetwork.org).

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