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.

***Devon Lewis***

***Organ and Tissue Donor***

*Devon Lewis, 23, of Neptune, NJ, passed away unexpectedly on April 26, 2022, after suffering a severe asthma attack. The beloved son of Karen Lucas and Michael Lewis, Devon graduated from Neptune High School and attended Lincoln Technical Institute where he earned a HVAC certification. His loved ones will never forget his selfless nature in caring for the needs of others. “Our hearts were broken when we received the devastating news in the hospital that Devon was brain dead due to the loss of oxygen to his brain,” said Karen, Devon’s mother. “Our beloved son was gone.” It was at that time that Devon's father and I spoke with the caring staff of NJ Sharing Network about organ and tissue donation. We went home that evening and discussed it further. We recognized that Devon had the chance to help others, and we said, ‘yes’ to donation.” Devon’s family has received heartwarming letters from several organ and tissue transplant recipients whose lives were saved and enhanced thanks to Devon’s gifts. Devon’s heart was successfully transplanted to save the life of a 15-year-old girl, his liver saved a 57-year-old man, and his kidneys saved a 24-year-old man and a 61-year-old man. Devon’s tissue donations also enhanced the quality of life for those suffering from chronic pain and impaired mobility. “Devon became a hero by saving the lives of others. His spirit and memory will live on forever,” said Karen.*

**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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