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.

***LaVise McCray***

*Kidney Recipient*

*LaVise McCray's life changed in March 2023 when she received a kidney transplant at Hackensack University Medical Center. Now, the retired Jersey City Public School teacher is on a mission to spread the message of hope through organ and tissue donation.

“I share my kidney transplant journey on social media and with everyone that I meet to inspire others to be a symbol of hope and encourage people to register as organ and tissue donors,” said LaVise.

LaVise's journey to transplant was filled with many triumphs and many challenges, but she never gave up.

“I knew I was getting weaker and weaker, but I prayed to God for a miracle,” said LaVise. “It was a Friday night at 6:30 p.m. when my phone rang. The caller said, ‘Hi LaVise, are you ready?’ I had no clue at first what they were talking about, but the next words changed my life forever. They said, ‘Your kidney is ready.’”

As she looks ahead, LaVise is filled with gratitude, cherishing each moment, and living life to its fullest. She is dedicated to “paying it forward” by supporting NJ Sharing Network's lifesaving mission and inspiring others to register as organ and tissue donors.

“I am alive today thanks to my amazing medical team, my loving family and friends, and my generous organ donor hero who gave me the gift of life,” said LaVise.*

**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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