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.

***Samantha Jillian Chapman***

***Organ Donor***

*Samantha Jillian Chapman was a vibrant three-year-old from Warren, whose cheerful nature touched all who knew her. Her donated heart, liver, and kidneys saved the lives of others.

Samantha’s parents, Stefanie and John Chapman, recall how she was her twin brother Owen’s fierce protector, never taking a bottle or snack without making sure he had one too. She also loved her “big bro” Nathan and their mini monster truck rides in their yard.

Stefanie and John have found a source of hope amidst their grief thanks to the miracle of donation and transplantation.

“When we were at Samantha’s bedside in the hospital, we thought of other parents who lost their child,” said Stefanie. “If Samantha’s life could have been saved through organ donation, it would have meant so much to us. We immediately realized we wanted to help others live on. It wasn’t a difficult decision.”

Samantha’s impact now stretches beyond her immediate loved ones, touching communities far and wide. She reminds us to embrace life with love and gratitude.

“Samantha was such a loving and outgoing child. I am sure that when she grew up, she would have said ‘Yes’ to registering as an organ and tissue donor,” said Stephanie. “When her brothers are old enough to understand, they will take pride in knowing that their sister is a hero who gave the gift of life to others.”*

**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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