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### Module Six Writing Assignment: Op-Ed

For this assignment we were supposed to write an op-ed publication for the local newspaper about the importance of organ donation.

#### **Assignment:**

## The Gift of Life: Understanding the Power of Organ Donation

Organ donations are one of the most discussed topics in the medical community. The debate is like those about other topics, people who are pro-organ donation, and people who are anti-organization. But what makes organ donation so important?

### Organ Transplants Saves Lives

Organ transplants give thousands of people each year the ability to continue their lives with second chances after having suffered from disease or injury causing their own organs to fail.

Organ transplants can't happen without organ donation. Although organ transplants are in great demand, there aren't enough people donating their organs. This means there are more people who need organ transplants, than there are people willing to donate their organs.

## Why You Should Consider Organ Donation

By signing up to be an organ donor you give someone else the chance at a life. It is a generous and thoughtful decision to become a donor. One person donating their organs can save multiple people. Each donated organ from a single person can go toward saving the life of a different person. There are children and adults waiting for organs. The same person can help save both adults' and children's lives. It is a misconception that due to factors like age, race or gender, you may not be able to donate organs. But you can become a donor regardless of your age, race or gender. It also costs nothing to do so. There is no debt to a person's family or estate when they donate, they sign up to be an organ donor.

## The Facts on Organ Donation

There are over 100,000 men, women and children who need organs to receive organ transplants nation-wide. A single organ donor can save more than eight lives single handedly. A single donor can save over 75 lives if they donate their tissues and eyes along with organs. That means that a single organ donor could save over 100 lives by themselves.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Organ Donor Signup Gala

That is why organ donors are so important. We are asking as many people as possible to sign up to be organ donors. The St. Jude's Hospital is hosting its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Organ Donor Signup Gala on March 3, 2025, at the Performing Arts Complex. The event is a black-tie event that will be held from 5PM to 8PM. Each guest will get to enjoy a fine dinner from renowned chef, Chavez of Las

Dante's Restaurant. There will also be a raffle and silent auction held during the event. We also have a guest speaker, Lauren Davis. She is a transplant receiver and survivor. She will be sharing her story. Our goal is to get 1,000 new donor signups at this Gala event. Come and join us, help us reach our goal of 1,000 new signups, and together we can save over 10,000 lives.

## References

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