

PAY Tribute. GIVE Back.

You can now enjoy the precious gift of clear sight thanks to the generosity of your donor.

This is your chance to express your gratitude for the hero who gave you a second chance to see life.

Please take the time to write to your donor family. This will allow them to share in your joy, and provide them with a sense of healing and comfort in their time of grief.



HONOR.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE YOU CAN SEE.



Write to your donor family.

A guide for cornea recipients



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Here are a few suggestions of topics to include in your letter:

Introduce yourself.

- Include your first name and state (not city) where you live.
- Mention your job, hobbies and interests.
- Describe your family and support network.
- Include photos.

Tell them about your transplant experience.

- Describe how you felt when you learned you would receive a transplant.
- Explain how the transplant has improved your health and changed your life and the lives of your family members for the better.
- Recount events that have happened in your life since your transplant.

Thank them for their sacrifice.

- Recognize the generosity of your donor's family, and thank them for their gift.
- Acknowledge the family's grief and express sympathy for their loss.
- Be sensitive about religious comments, and refrain from including information that can be used to identify you, such as your last name, street address, phone number and transplant hospital. **ALL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION WILL BE REMOVED.**
- If interested, mention that you would like to meet or hear back from the family.

Mail Your Letter.

- Place your letter in the postage-paid envelope addressed to CORE (204 Sigma Drive, RIDC Park, Pittsburgh, PA 15238).
- Include a separate piece of paper in the envelope with your full name, address, phone number, date of transplant and transplant hospital.
- CORE will review the content to ensure confidentiality before forwarding your letter to the donor's family.
- Contact CORE at any time with any questions you have via phone at **800-DONORS-7 (800-366-6777)** or email at **contactcore@core.org**.



A Gift of Healing.

"He would have given you the shirt off his back. To know that he gave life to four people and sight to two people – it's just something you cherish."

*– Nancy Jividen,
donor mother*

HEAL.