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HONORING DONORS
A GUIDE FOR FUNERAL HOMES

Core
Center for Organ Recovery & Education
About CORE

The Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) is one of 57 federally designated not-for-profit organ procurement organizations (OPOs) in the United States, serving more than five million people in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Chemung County, New York.

CORE partners with the staff from more than 150 hospitals and health care facilities, as well as funeral directors, coroners and medical examiners, to offer hope and a second chance at life to the thousands of people who are waiting nationwide for life-saving and healing organ, tissue and cornea transplants.

While donation and transplantation are processes involving many professionals, no one is more important to this process than the funeral director/embalmer who help the families of donors through their most painful period of grieving. Their involvement is essential to make the donation experience a positive one for family members and friends. Also, the attitudes they convey about donation will affect a family’s feelings about their decision to donate.

Like all OPOs, CORE coordinates the recovery and matching of organs, tissues and corneas for transplant within our service region. CORE is also entrusted with the privilege of supporting donor families during the donation process and beyond.

To request any of the materials you see in this catalogue, or if you’d like to hold an awareness event or donor ceremony in your community, please contact us.

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Opportunities for Recognition

Fly DONATE LIFE flag on the hearse.

Display DONATE LIFE magnet on the hearse.

Offer mourners DONATE LIFE lapel pins and bracelets.

Include DONATE LIFE language and emblem in obituary.

To raise the DONATE LIFE flag during the viewing/funeral, please contact CORE.

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A Pledge for Life
In keeping with [NAME]’s loving and generous spirit, it was [HIS/HER/THEIR] decision to donate life so that others may live.

[HIS/HER/THEIR] was known as a giving person and, even in death, [HIS/HER/THEIR] giving continues as [HIS/HER/THEIR] donation of tissues will heal as many as 75 people.

[NAME] gave the gift of life through organ, tissue and cornea donation.

[HIS/HER/THEIR] corneas have restored sight for two people.

Honoring [HIS/HER/THEIR] generous wish, the gift of life was shared with many people through organ, tissue and cornea donation.

[NAME] gave in death as [HE/SHE/HEY] gave in life; [HE/SHE/HEY] was an organ donor.

[NAME]’s final act of kindness was to give the gift of life through organ, tissue and cornea donation.

[NAME] donated [HIS/HER/THEIR] heart valves to help other babies in need.

The family requests that donations in [NAME]’s memory be directed to CORE, 204 Sigma Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.
ORGAN, TISSUE OR CORNEA RECIPIENT

- [NAME] was an advocate for organ and tissue donation after receiving a transplant.
- [NAME] was a [ORGAN/TISSUE/CORNEA] recipient and a strong advocate for donation.
- Because of the gift of a [ORGAN/TISSUE/CORNEA] transplant, [NAME] was able to enjoy life with [HIS/HER/THEIR] family and friends.
- [NAME] shared many more years of life with [HIS/HER/THEIR] family and friends thanks to the generosity of an organ donor.
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