

NICK'S NEW HEART

ORGAN DONATION FACTS

- Anyone can be a potential donor regardless of age, race or medical history.
- Organs needed include the heart, livers, kidneys, pancreas, lungs, liver and intestines. Tissues that can be donated include the eyes, skin, bone, heart valves and tendons.
- There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for organ and tissue donation. Funeral costs remain the responsibility of the family.
- All major organized religions approve of organ and tissue donation and consider it an act of charity.
- If a person is sick or injured and admitted to the hospital, the priority is to save the person's life. Organ, eye and tissue donation can only be considered after brain death has been declared.
- An open casket funeral is possible for organ donation. During the entire donation process the body is treated with respect.
- A person's medical history does not effect donation. The appropriate medical professional will review the medical and social histories to determine whether or not the person can be a donor.
- Having a signed donor card is not enough to donate a person's organs. The number one thing a person needs to do is tell their family that they wish to donate their organs.