

# TELL YOUR STORY

The stories of transplant recipients and donor families can be a great source in influencing others to sign up to be donors. The following questions may help you in sharing your experience in the future with others. Use this as a guide to organize your thoughts and feelings. As you work on this you may also want to talk to family and friends who shared in the experience with you for their input.

**What type of transplant did you receive?** \_\_\_\_\_

**When & where was your transplant surgery?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**What medical condition caused you to need a transplant?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**What was the process like to get on the Waiting List?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

---

---

**How long did you have to wait for an organ/tissue to become available? \_\_\_\_\_**

---

---

---

**What was it like while you were waiting? How sick were you when the call came that a match had been found? \_\_\_\_\_**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**During your wait did you meet others who were also waiting? What was that like? How did your experiences differ/how were they similar? \_\_\_\_\_**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Where did you find strength and encouragement during this time?** \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**What is your life like now? Describe how you feel now compared to before transplant. What do you enjoy doing/are able to do now?** \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**How have your family members' lives been affected?** \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

---

---

**What are some of the “little things” in life you now appreciate?**\_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Tell anything you know about your donor.**\_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**How do you feel about your donor and donor family?**\_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**What would you say to people to encourage them to document their decision to be a donor?**\_\_\_\_\_

