

**Dear Patient,**

During your recent surgery you received a **gift of donated human tissue**. Your tissue donor may have made the decision to donate while still alive, or the decision may have been made by the individual's family because they wanted to **help someone like you**.

Donor families find great comfort in receiving a **"thank you" note or letter** from a recipient of their loved one's gift. It gives you the opportunity to let them know how their loved one's **gift of tissue donation has helped to restore someone else's life**.

A sample letter has been provided to the right that may help you think about what you would like to write to your donor family. Please feel free to include information such as your first name, the type of procedure that you received, hobbies, activities and interests that you hope to return to after healing. Even just a **"thank you"** is appreciated. Donor families have expressed that just knowing their loved one's gift has helped someone else, has brought comfort to them in their healing journey.

The *125 Lives Thank You Program* means so much to our donor families.

We thank you in advance for writing to your donor family. Your thoughtfulness, compassion and participation means so much to your donor's family.

*Dear Donor Family,*

*Thank you for the generous gift of tissue donation from your loved one. I am sorry for your loss, but want to express my appreciation for your caring concern of others and share with you the positive impact your loved one's donation has had on my life. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that your loved one has helped restore another person's life.*

*I needed a tissue transplant because*

(add your personal message here.)

*Since the tissue transplant, I have been able to*

(add your personal message here.)

*I am most appreciative of your loved one's gracious gift. My family and I will be forever grateful for your kindness.*

*Thank you,*

(Your first name or "A grateful tissue recipient")



  
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**Please Note:** The back panel of this brochure contains important information. Please complete the items and return this brochure with your letter to the address listed on the back panel.

Your identity will not be shared with your donor's family, and you will not know the identity of your donor unless you indicate otherwise on the form on the back panel.