

Raising Awareness *Idea Sheet*

Donor Sabbath (November 13,14,15, 2009) presents a powerful opportunity to share your personal story about how donation and transplantation has affected your life. Listed below are a few ideas that might work in your place of worship to help raise awareness about this life-saving issue.

- Talk to your parish nurse about Donor Sabbath and encourage him or her to share the life-saving message of organ and tissue donation.
- Write a letter to the leader of your congregation urging them to include a message about organ, tissue, and eye donation in services on Donor Sabbath.
- Write an "open letter" or article for your worship community newsletter.
- Ask permission to distribute information and materials before, during, or after services.
- Hold a candle-lighting ceremony before, during, or after your worship service.
- If your community offers the opportunity for public prayer, offer a prayer during this time for those who have given the gift of life through donation and/or those who have received that gift.
- Design a bulletin board or display focused on organ, tissue, and eye donation for a public area of your house of worship.
- Offer to lead a discussion or bible study focusing on donation for Donor Sabbath or during the weeks before or after those dates.
- For those who feel less comfortable presenting for a long period of time, simply arrange to "drop by" the adult education forums, youth groups, and children's classes on Donor Sabbath to speak briefly about your story and the life-saving gift of donation.
- If your congregation offers coffee and treats after worship services, offer to host this "fellowship" time and distribute donation information in this informal setting.
- Purchase flowers for your services in memory of those who have donated and/or in honor of those who have received a life-saving transplant.
- Encourage friends and family to sponsor or participate in Donor Sabbath events in their worship communities.

For further information or to request materials, please call LifeSource at 1-888 5-DONATE.

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