

General Speaking Outline – On Waiting List

1. Introduction (30 seconds)

- a. **Your name**
- b. **Who you are?** I am a Donate Life Ambassador with Donor Network West.
- c. **Your connection to donation** - I am a candidate, waiting for a _____ transplant. I am one of 110,000 waiting for a life saving transplant across the country.

2. Tell Your Story (3 minutes)

- i. Tell the audience briefly about your life before your illness.
- ii. Tell briefly how your illness affects your family.
- iii. Describe the “wait”.
- iv. Talk about what the transplant will mean to you.
 1. In what ways will your life change?
 2. What special events/plans will you be able to accomplish?
- v. Dispel a myth or two.

3. Close (2 minutes)

a. Why is donation important to them?

- i. Do they know someone who has been touched by donation?
- ii. Discuss the need
 1. Mention that there are over 110,000 waiting across the country
 2. In California over 21,000 are waiting.
 3. In **Santa Clara county** there are over **1,500** on the list.
 4. Every day 18 people die waiting across the country.
- iii. Encourage them to sign up online at www.DonorNetworkWest.org or at their DMV and to discuss it with their family and friends.
- iv. Thank the audience.

4. Questions & Answers (10 minutes)

- a. Staff members can help with questions.
- b. Training will help you be able to answer most questions or if staff is not available refer them to www.DonorNetworkWest.org.