

NATIONAL MULTIETHNIC DONOR AWARENESS MONTH



Matthew Zaragoza Van Gelderen

Matthew is remembered by his family to light up any room with his smile. During a Friday night high school football game in Stockton, Matthew lost his life through a head injury on the field. Matthew saved 4 lives in 2005 through his family's generous decision to donate Matthew's organs and tissues. Matthew donated 7 organs and his donation of tissue, bone, and corneas enhanced the lives of his recipients. Matthew's family has been able to meet all 4 of Matthew's recipients and keep in touch with them. Matthew's family consider him a forever football player and is remembered by his number on the field, #2, with their quote, "#2 on the field is #1 in our hearts!"

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