

# General Speaking Outline – Living Donors

## 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. I am a living donor. I gave the gift of “a kidney” or “a portion of my liver” in \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Tell Your Story (3 minutes)

- i. Describe the decision to become a living donor.
- ii. Tell about the impact of donation on yourself, family and/or friends.
- iii. Talk briefly about your feelings for the recipients(s) and any communication that you might have had with them.
- iv. 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 130,000 waiting across the country
    2. In **Santa Clara county** there are over **1,500** on the list.
    3. Every day 18 people die waiting across the country.
  - iii. Encourage them to sign up online at [www.DonorNetworkWest.org](http://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](http://www.DonorNetworkWest.org).