

General Speaking Outline - Recipient

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 _____ recipient. I received my “gift of life” on _____.

2. Tell Your Story (3 minutes)

- a. **Tell the audience briefly about your life before transplant.** (Do NOT use a lot of medical jargon, unless you are speaking to medical professional.)
 - i. Tell briefly how your illness affected your family.
 - ii. Describe the “wait”.
 - iii. Describe the “call”.
- b. **Talk about your life after your transplant.** (use one or two of these points to illustrate, if possible)
 - i. How has it changed? What can you do now that you were unable to do when you were sick?
 - ii. What special events have taken place that you were able to participate in
 - iii. What future plans have you been able to make?
- c. **Talk briefly about your feelings for your donor.**
 - i. If you’ve written the donor family, please speak to this and what it has mean for you to do so.
 - ii. If the donor family has been in contact with you, share if you can.
 - iii. What do you know about your donor and what does that mean to you?
 - iv. Dispel a myth or two about donation.

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 .