

Dear Friend:

With the realization that there are many worthwhile topics for the clergy to embrace, I urge you to share the *Gift of Life Donor Program* with your congregation.

Truly, to be an organ donor is a blessing to thousands of people who depend upon their very lives for this gift. Unfortunately, there are many misconceptions and concerns about organ and tissue donation in our community. Many of these concerns are religious, even though all major religions support the principles of organ donation and transplantation. The sole mission of our branch of the *Gift of Life Donor Program*, "Donors are Heroes," is to increase awareness of the life-saving importance of this procedure.

We encourage you to share this urgent need with your congregation. In order to make this faith-based community program more successful, we are offering clergy grants called, *It's About Life*, that you may apply for by completing the enclosed form and faxing or mailing it to:

Lynne Williams
Gift of Life Donor Program
401 North 3rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-599-2051 (fax)

Some recent recipients of our *It's About Life Grant Awards* are: Congregation Beth El Tamid, Broomall, PA; Emmanuel Church of God Christ, York, PA; St. Paul's Baptist Church, West Chester, PA; Bethel AME Church, Dover, DE; Covenant International Institute, Chestnut Hill, PA; Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, PA. These Houses of Worship have creatively hosted a variety of events including prayer breakfasts, informational luncheons, community fun/health days, special Gift of Life services featuring members of their congregation that are either living donors or transplant recipients, and an inspiring gospel concert. The funds from these grants can help you enlighten and educate your congregation through specific projects and activities targeting the importance of becoming an organ and tissue donor.

If you wish more information, please call Lynne at 800-DONORS-1 (800-366-6771). She will be more than happy to supply you with any additional information or materials that you might require.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your affirmative reply.

Sincerely,