



Writing to Transplant Recipients

The decision to write to your loved one's transplant recipient(s) is very personal. There is no protocol for when to write or which party should initiate correspondence.

Whether or not you decide to write to your loved one's transplant recipient is your choice. If you do decide to write, you may choose your own greeting card and write a note/letter or use the card attached and include your note/letter.

General information:

- › Use first names only.
- › Use the region in which you live (Midwest, South, etc.).
- › Share your loved one's job or occupation, hobbies and/or interests.
- › You may share your family situation, such as marital status, children or grandchildren (if you provide names, provide first names only).
- › Treat religious comments in a sensitive manner.
- › It is OK to include appropriate family pictures.



Closing your card/letter:

- › Sign your first name only.
- › Do not reveal your address, city, state, phone number or email address.
- › Do not reveal the name of the hospital where your loved one received care or any doctors' names.

Will I hear from my loved one's transplant recipient?

Your loved one's transplant recipient may or may not respond. Many transplant recipients have said that they are overwhelmed with emotion and have difficulty expressing their gratitude. It is possible they may not reply at all.

Mailing your card/letter:

- › Place your card/letter in an unsealed envelope.
- › Include a separate piece of paper with your full name and your loved one's full name along with the date of donation.
- › Place these items in another envelope and mail to:
Midwest Transplant Network
Donor Family Services
1900 W. 47th Place
Westwood, KS 66205
- › Please allow extra mailing time.

Will I be able to meet or communicate directly with my loved one's transplant recipient?

Midwest Transplant Network will facilitate a donor family's request to receive direct communication from their loved one's transplant recipient(s) when the following has been met:

1. Each party has written anonymously to the other at least one time.
2. Both parties have expressed a desire to exchange contact information.
3. Both parties have returned a signed and notarized consent and release form to Midwest Transplant Network.

Thinking of you 
and sending caring thoughts.

