



## Donor Family Network

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### Transplant Games

We attend the British Transplant Games each year which is an opportunity to meet recipients and their families and see the difference that organ and tissue donation has made to the lives of others. The Donor Family Network presented a Donor Family Flame to Transplant UK, the organisers of the Games, and this is lit at the start of the Games each year.

### Gift of Life Memorial

The Donor Family Network's Gift of Life Memorial is sited at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR. The memorial pays tribute to donors and their families, recipients of transplants, those waiting for a transplant and those whose wishes could not be fulfilled. The memorial encompasses three themes: reflection, recognition and remembrance.

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A chance to create a  
new beginning

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# Welcome to the Donor Family Network (DFN)

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## Newsletter

Our newsletter helps us to keep in touch with all our donor families and includes issues surrounding organ and tissue donation, details of forthcoming events and news.

Download our newsletters from our website:  
[donorfamilynetwork.co.uk](http://donorfamilynetwork.co.uk)

The Donor Family Network (DFN) is run by donor families for donor families. The DFN logo comprises a butterfly and a forget-me-not.

The butterfly is a symbol of hope and new life and the forget-me-not that no donor will ever be forgotten.

The DFN offers a wide range of support to donor families, regardless of when donation happened or in what circumstances.

Support is provided by people who have been in your situation.



## Telephone support

We have a dedicated 24/7 telephone service but we appreciate that the hardest part can be making the first call. Our contact number is on the back of this leaflet. If we are not available please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

## Anniversary cards

We send cards to donor families on the anniversary of donation. Many families find it comforting that their loved one's donation is remembered.



## Donor Family Quilt

This consists of squares known as 'patches of love' made by donor families in memory of their loved ones. The quilt is made up of panels to which we are constantly adding.

## Bereavement library

Consists of a selection of books related to grief and bereavement which can be borrowed free of charge. The books available include an extensive selection suitable for children.

## Help and support

The Trustees are always available to offer help and support with any issues concerning donation and bereavement.

## Donor Family Events

These are attended by families from all over the country and

are an opportunity to meet other donor families. The day typically consists of workshops for adults and children, a ceremony of recognition including the presentation of certificates of appreciation for each family and a special commemoration of the loved ones lost by donor families.

## Promoting organ and tissue donation

We work in liaison with NHS Blood & Transplant, assisting with strategy decisions and development of services in relation to organ and tissue donation. We offer presentations at study days held for NHS professionals and talk to many interested public groups to increase awareness of organ and tissue donation through discussion.

## Stories of hope and inspiration

We hope that by sharing our stories of donation we can provide hope and inspiration for others, giving them the courage to agree to donation. Every story, old or new, is unique and important. To share our stories requires an environment of encouragement and support which the DFN provides.

## Precious Gift Service

Our annual service of hope and thanksgiving is held at St Margaret's Church, Great Barr, Birmingham. The service is a chance to remember those who have given the gift of life through organ and tissue donation alongside those who have benefited from transplantation. The DFN also supports other services which are held throughout the UK.

