

Will The Transplant Recipients Write Back?

You may or may not receive a response.

Many transplant recipients have said that they are overwhelmed with emotion, and have difficulty expressing their gratitude in words. Some may take several months or even years before they feel comfortable writing to their donor family.

If you need further assistance with writing to transplant recipients, please call Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota at (701) 250-9390 or toll free at 1-800-372-3751.



Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota is the non-profit organization dedicated to restoring sight throughout the state of North Dakota.

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A Donate Life Organization



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An Expression of Gratitude

Writing to Transplant Recipients and their Families





DECIDING TO WRITE

The decision to write to transplant recipients is a very personal one.

Sometimes, donor families choose to write to transplant recipients to share information about themselves and their loved one. For some donor families, this sharing with the transplant recipient helps them in their grieving process. Whether or not you decide to write to the transplant recipients is your choice.

Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota supports written correspondence between transplant recipients and donor families. All correspondence is completely anonymous and identities are kept confidential.

If you would like to write the recipients of your loved one's donation, you may send a greeting card or letter. You may use the following ideas as a guide to help you with your correspondence.

Provide General Information

- Your loved one's first name only
- Your loved one's job or occupation
- The state (not the city) in which you live
- Your family situation; such as marital status, children, grandchildren (do not include last names)
- Since the religion of the recipient is unknown, please consider this if you are thinking about including religious comments

Closing Your Letter

- Sign your first name only
- Please do not reveal your address, city or telephone number
- Please do not reveal the name or location of the hospital

Mailing Your Letter

Place your card or letter in an unsealed, unstamped envelope.

Include in the envelope on a separate piece of paper:

- Your full name
- Your loved one's full name
- The date of donation

Mail the correspondence to:
Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota
301 North 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

Allow Extra Time

The Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota Transplant Coordinator will review your card or letter to ensure confidentiality and forward it to the Clinical Transplant Coordinator at the transplant center. It will then be sent to the recipient.

Since your card or letter must be mailed to Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota and then forwarded, please allow extra time for it to reach the recipient. It may take several weeks after you've mailed it for the recipient to receive it.

