

Anyone can save a life through organ and tissue donation

I was no stranger to organ and tissue donation when I found out my son, Connor, would be a donor himself. I will never forget the day I lost him. As a surgical technologist and educator at UHealth, I've participated in countless transplant and organ procurement cases, but organ and tissue donation took on an entirely new meaning the day Connor passed away in October 2017 and became a donor.

I worked closely with Donor Alliance during the time immediately after Connor's passing to ensure he would be able to improve the lives of as many recipients as possible. Throughout my career, I've seen countless lives improved through donation, but knowing that Connor has improved or saved the lives of potentially 70 people is humbling and goes beyond any gift I could give or receive. After receiving a moving letter from a recipient who received a cornea transplant from Connor, I decided to become an advocate for the cause.

In honor of all donors this National Donate Life Month, I'm sharing Connor's story with the community and inviting you to join me in raising awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation. You can sign up to become an organ, eye and tissue donor when you get or renew your driver license or anytime at DonateLifeColorado.org.

Kristen Adcock



Kristen's son, Connor, a tissue & cornea donor