

The decision to write to the recipient(s) of your loved one's organ donation is a personal choice, and can be an opportunity to share information about yourself and your loved one. For some donor families, writing to the organ recipient(s) can help throughout their grief journey.

There is no time limit for writing a letter, and you may do it when you are ready. Maintaining everyone's privacy is our utmost importance; for that reason, all identifying information must remain anonymous and confidential.



Writing to organ recipients



What to write?

Suggestions on information about your loved one

- First name
- Age
- Sex
- Family situation (such as marital status, children, grandchildren, etc.)
- Occupation
- State in which your loved one lived
- Hobbies or interests
- Favorite memories or stories

Share about yourself what you are comfortable with

Sign only your first name

Keep identifying information anonymous and confidential

Do not include last names, street addresses, city names, phone numbers, email addresses, names of employers or names of hospitals/physicians.

Mailing your card or letter

Place the card or letter in an unsealed envelope

Include a separate piece of paper that lists:

- Your full name
- Your contact information
- Your loved one's full name
- Your loved one's date of death

Mail to:

Versiti - Organ and Tissue
Attn: Family Aftercare
638 North 18th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

What happens next?

Versiti will review your card or letter to ensure confidentiality. We will then forward your correspondence to the transplant center where the organ transplant took place. The transplant center will send your card or letter to the organ recipient.

Will I hear from the organ recipient(s)?

You may or may not receive a letter from your loved one's organ recipient(s). It is a very personal decision for a recipient to write a letter, so it may take several months or even years before a recipient is comfortable writing. Not receiving a letter does not diminish the lifesaving impact that your loved one had on them.

If Versiti receives a letter from an organ recipient, we will forward the correspondence to you.

If you need more information about writing to organ recipients or have any questions, please contact us at aftercare@versiti.org or **414-937-6999**.

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