

Dear Mr Yang

I write as the mother of an organ donor. My 56 year old son died suddenly in Hobart from a brain bleed and as he was fit and an organ donor, he was able to give new life to 9 fellow Australians. This has brought us great solace.

However, I know that the very subject frightens some people and it is necessary to tell a bigger story.

Donate Life in Hobart is the organisation that commenced the process to harvest my son's organs which entailed informing the family of every step of this very intense and concentrated procedure. At all times Donate Life staff were on hand to answer questions and to reassure us while suitable recipients were identified around the country.

I cannot speak highly enough of the care they gave my son and the care they gave us, his family.

If the general public were more aware of what organ donation entails and the positive story that can be told perhaps more people would take positive action.

As I mentioned to Nadia when I telephoned the ABC after your interview, one has to die in hospital, or very close to a hospital if the organs are to remain viable. This means a great number of people must be on the organ donor list if we are to help all those in desperate need.

If I can be of any assistance to further improve the organ donation rate in WA, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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