



Living Donor Mentor Program

About the Program

The University of Wisconsin Transplant Program has a mentorship program that links people who have already donated an organ with those who are considering donation. This happens via the telephone. We believe our donors know better than anyone what donation is actually like, and can be a valuable source of support, encouragement and information for people going through the donation process.

Our mentors have been chosen for their positive attitude and willingness to share their time and experiences. We have assembled a group of mentors from a variety of ages, religious and cultural beliefs, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds; as well as those with unique factors that affected their donation. Each mentor has completed a thorough training program taught by our staff of nurses and social workers. On-going support and guidance is always available to our mentors. Our staff carefully pairs each mentee with a mentor based on factors such as age, gender, race, organ donated, relationship to their recipient, and similar concerns that have been shared.

Your mentor will be given your first name, phone number and a brief account of your situation. Your last name, address, and date of birth are kept confidential.

By linking people who have already donated an organ with those who are considering donation, the University of Wisconsin Transplant Program Living Donor Mentor Program provides potential donors additional support and information. Mentors' real-life stories are an invaluable source of insight and comfort to those still weighing the decision about living organ donation. In turn, the mentoring experience provides previous donors the opportunity to reflect on their experiences and to stay connected with the transplant community.

To Enroll in the Program

If you are interested in being paired with a mentor, please call (608) 261-0516 and ask to speak with someone about the living donor mentor program. For more information, please visit uwhealth.org/livingdonor