

Welcome to the Organ Donation Youth Ambassadorship!

Thank you for selfless



Introduction:

- Aspiring healthcare professional
- Junior at Juanita High School
- My aunt has been on the waiting list for a kidney for over 5 years now
- She contracted COVID-19 at her dialysis clinic during the pandemic
- By God's grace, she is finally getting a transplant later this month after years of endless turmoil!


My Goal:

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF


Organ Donors

TO SAVE LIVES!


The Problem




One deceased organ donor can potentially save up to eight lives. That is, eight people on the ever-growing wait list for organ transplants, who are in dire need of a life-saving organ, can be gifted the miracle of life from a single deceased donor.



The United States has an explicit consent system to respect the autonomy of individuals. Since each person is in charge of registering themselves as a donor, if a deceased individual has not explicitly stated their wish to be a donor in their lifetime, their organs will not be donated.



Millions of people around the world suffer with organ failure every day. While some are given their long-awaited transplants, others are put on the waiting list, living with the hope that one day they too will receive a transplant.



According to Donate Life America, while 95% of U.S. adults support organ donation, only 54% are actual registered donors. My goal is to urge more registrations so that this 95% of people are better represented and can save more lives.

Solution

With an explicit consent system implemented in America, it's imperative that registries reflect the majority's will to donate. Often times, people are open to having their organs donated upon death but are simply unaware on how to register themselves.

RAISE AWARENESS

Opportunities for you

1. Host a webinar
2. Partner with teachers
3. Host a competition
4. Donation policies



Webinar

- A great example to take inspiration from is the organization, Gift of Life.
- They provide guest speakers who are keen on educating their audiences on the life-saving power of donation with the opportunity to spread awareness via virtual and in-person webinars.
- Provides you all with the opportunity to improve public speaking and network with other professionals!

Education



01

Design an educational lesson on organ donation.

02

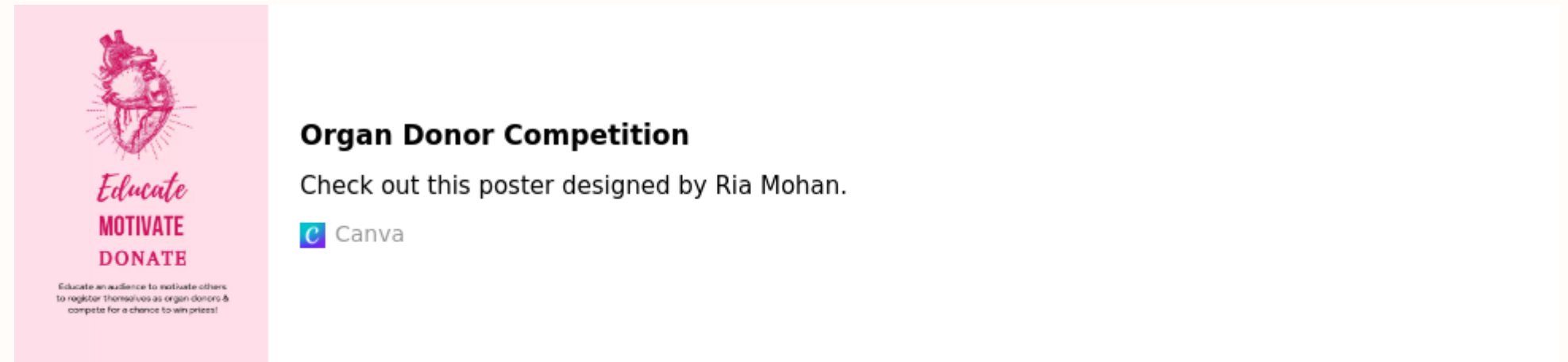
Contact teachers and encourage them to incorporate these lessons into their curriculums.

03

Virtually visit classrooms and present to students!

Competition

- Educate, Motivate, Donate
- \$250 Prize
- Competitors can compete as individuals or form teams of 2-5 students in grades 9-12
- Raises awareness on the importance of organ donor registration, teaches audience members how to register themselves as organ donors, Explains how organ donors save lives



VIDEO

Students can use props, media design, movement, and other components to tell a visual story!

INFOGRAPHIC

Flyer/brochure/poster

WRITTEN PIECE

Essay/poem/article



Contest Manual: https://www.canva.com/design/DAEzBdMHvpc/I5Yv0UnqtVKFN990aY5bYw/view?utm_content=DAEzBdMHvpc&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=sharebutton

Meeting with Legislators

● August is a full month when members are on recess – meaning, they’re trying to fill every day with in-state community events. Any day labeled “district work period” on their calendar is a time when members are in-state meeting with constituents. These windows are ideal times to ask for a delegation member’s time.

● Congressional members, or their staff, can be a good hook to help attract audience participants to events. We can work together on draft language for outreach to their state office and scheduling team.

● In terms of doing research on legislative background, it will help if there’s a nexus between the member’s interest in healthcare policy and their participation in whatever event we want them to be a part of. Congresswoman DelBene, for example, is a co-sponsor of H.R. 1255 – the Living Donor Protection Act of 2021. She might be interested in an event because of her involvement with that bill.

**Your ideas?
Questions?
Comments?
Suggestions?**

*Thank
You!*