



United Tissue Network Newsletter

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Greetings!

We are glad you signed up for our Newsletter! We are a non-profit whole body tissue organization that works directly with medical schools and research labs to provide tissue for future advancements, like medical students and research facilities. Last month, we asked what you would like to see in the newsletter and most were interested in the Donation Process. This newsletter will cover information in regards to the process and how you can Pledge for the future.



Why I decided to Pledge

"I Work for a church as a custodian and I am also a building manager for Beacon Street Ministries Inc. We have a food pantry where we feed the homeless every Friday night. We feed anywhere from 100-150 people rain or shine; This is our 11th year. So when God calls me home? I wanted to donate my body as my last act of giving back!!" James Kowalczyk

Click here for: [Donor Tributes](#)

Why Should I Pledge?

While Pledging assists with future generations when it comes to research and education, whole-body donation is also a no-cost to individuals who qualify for tissue donation. If an individual qualifies for tissue donation the following services are at no charge:

- Transport into our care
- Filing of Paperwork/Two Certified Death Certificates
- Free Cremation
- Return of Ashes to your loved one



How do I Pledge?

We make the process simple! Pledges are able to fill out all information online and even have their witnesses sign via DocuSign.

For signing your forms for Self Donation,

This allows a lift of financial burden when it comes to costs associated with cremation and paperwork.

[Donor Security Program](#)

When someone is considered imminent and/or on Hospice care, our Donor Security Program offers pre-approvals to Donors and their families for ease of mind.

If a loved one is to become imminent, our Donor Services team can complete the medical/social interview to see if the potential donor would be a good fit for tissue donation.

If the potential Donor is a good fit, this would allow approval into our program until time of passing, no matter how the Donor's medical/social history may change. Each pre-approved Donor receives a Donor Security Certificate that is provided to them and their loved ones.

it's important your witnesses know the following:

- Inform your witnesses that you're interested in Pledging yourself and they can expect to sign a form via DocuSign
- Know their email addresses and first/last name
- Make sure only one is blood-related to you

Once successfully signed, we will send two Pledge cards in the mail. We typically suggest keeping one with you in your wallet and provide the other to whoever your Next-of-Kin will be.

[Pledge Today](#)



[National Costs for Mortuary Services](#)

According to the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) the average cost of a funeral with cremation in the United States is \$5,150 and the average cost in the U.S. for a Funeral with Burial is \$7,640. With rising costs of mortuary services, many families and individuals are turning to whole-body donation.

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