

# Pre-Lesson

**Complete each of the activities below.**

**1. Read through each of the common donation vocabulary words.**

**Organ and tissue donor** — Someone who dies and is able to donate organs and/or tissue. Organ and tissue donation can save up to eight lives and heal up to 75 more.

**National transplant waiting list** — The national list of people waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. More than 100,000 people are currently on the national transplant waiting list.

**Transplant recipient** — A person who receives the gift of an organ or tissue transplant from a donor hero. A recipient is given a second chance to walk, dance, travel and even run again because of someone else's selfless act.

**2. Individually or with a partner, read through each of the statements below and mark whether each is TRUE OR FALSE.**

1. If I sign up to be an organ donor, the medical staff will **still** make every effort to save my life.
2. Anyone can sign up to be an organ donor, regardless of age and medical conditions.
3. I can still have an open-casket funeral if I become an organ donor.
4. Major religions in the U.S. support organ donation as a final act of kindness.
5. There is no cost to the donor's family for the surgery to recover organs and tissue.
6. It is illegal to buy or sell organs in the United States.
7. Wealthy people **do not** get moved to the top of the transplant waiting list.
8. If I am under 18 years old, my parent(s) or guardian have the final decision on whether organ donation happens, even if I am signed up.