

New England Organ Bank

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Dear Kimberly and Mark:

On behalf of the New England Organ Bank I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family upon the tragic death of your son, Scott. There seemed to be so little that I could say or do at the time of Scott's death to lessen your grief. A family who is able to think of others in need at a time of such great personal loss is both exceptional and rare. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know the outcome of your most generous gift. Scott's heart was transplanted into a 64-year-old man. He has been married for 43 years and has three children and several grandchildren, as well as one great-grandchild. He enjoys working around the house and playing with his grandchildren and his pets. This gentleman has made an excellent recovery post-transplant and is extremely grateful for this gift.

A 42-year-old single man whose liver was destroyed by glycogen storage disease received Scott's liver. This recipient had been extremely ill prior to receiving the transplant, but he is recovering well at home. He looks forward to returning to his job as a financial advisor soon. In addition to his work, this gentleman speaks several foreign languages and enjoys studying European history.

A 28-year-old woman, who required transplant after her kidney was damaged by glomerulonephritis, received Scott's left kidney. This woman is the divorced mother of one who is working toward getting her degree as a Registered Nurse. She has had good kidney function post-transplant and has been discharged home and remains dialysis-free. She is very grateful to Scott and to your family for this gift.

The recipient of Scott's right kidney is a 61-year-old man whose kidneys were damaged by Diabetes and Hypertension. He is the married father of five children who works as a Code Enforcement Officer. He enjoys T.V. and sports. This gentleman had immediate kidney function post-transplant and was discharged home in good condition.

Scott's pancreas was recovered for islet cell research. Although it was unable to be transplanted as a whole organ, its use in islet cell research will further the technique of islet cell transplant in an effort to halt the devastating effects of Diabetes and to allow patients with Diabetes to live free from daily insulin injections. The recipient of one of Scott's corneas is a 78-year-old woman, and a 52-year-old man received the other cornea. Both of these grateful recipients have had their sight restored because of your generous gift.

The love you all felt for Scott was obvious. The tragedy of Scott's untimely death can never be understood, but I sincerely hope that the donation process offered you the healing that can take place in our own hearts when we reach out to others. My thoughts are with you and your family as you begin to rebuild your lives. I feel extremely honored to have met you. Once again, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can answer any questions.

Warmest Regards,



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