



# Reflections of Life

RTI Donor Services

February 5, 2014

Nancy Osman  
1730 Andrew Crockett Ct.  
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Dear Ms. Osman,

Thank you for your request for information on how your loved one's gift of tissue donation has helped others. The generous decision to donate Ty's tissue has resulted in the preparation of 47 implants at this time, which have been or will be used in a variety of medical procedures to help others.

The reporting of tissue recipient information by surgeons and hospitals is voluntary and the degree of detail provided varies. Based upon information that we have received from surgeons, at least 21 individuals' lives have been transformed to this date through your loved one's gift of tissue donation. We are pleased to provide the following information that has been submitted to us at this time.

Donation of tissues such as ligaments, tendons and cartilage can be used to rebuild joints and restore cartilage surfaces. Patients injured by trauma or through arthritis or other diseases can benefit from restored mobility and can regain independence in daily activities. Ty's gifts of ligaments, tendons and cartilage were used in procedures for male and female patients ranging from 17 to 51 years old throughout the country, including Arizona, Missouri and Florida.

Donation of bone can be used to repair defects or fractures caused by severe trauma, cancer or other diseases. Bone tissue can be widely used to restore mobility, reconstruct limbs and rebuild jaws in dental procedures. Ty's gifts of bone tissues were used in procedures for male and female patients ranging from 35 to 77 years old throughout the country, including Maryland, Wisconsin and Alabama.

Fascia (the thin membrane covering the muscles in the legs) is a type of soft tissue. Soft tissue can be used in open heart and urological surgeries, abdominal wall repair and post-mastectomy breast reconstruction. Ty's gift of fascia was used in a procedure for a 52-year-old female in California.

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The sclera is the white of the eye. The sclera can be used for oral grafts in dental procedures or for repairs, replacements or reconstruction in the case of eye conditions, such as glaucoma. Ty's gifts of sclera were used in procedures for male and female patients ranging from 33 to 89 years old throughout the country, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Ohio.

The generous decision to donate Ty's tissue continues to make a significant difference in the lives of many people in need. I hope that this information will give you some comfort in knowing Ty has given the gift of life.

If there is anything else we can do for you, do not hesitate to call us at (877) 663-4437.

Sincerely,



Katie Banik  
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