



## High School Outreach Initiative Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation

Every three days someone in Ontario dies because there is not an organ available. It doesn't have to be this way. One organ and tissue donor can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of 75 others.

To help extend awareness, the University of Toronto Transplant Institute in partnership with [Trillium Gift of Life Network](#) launched a project to deliver presentations in Greater Toronto Area (GTA) high schools in 2011 to increase awareness.

These presentations provide secondary school students the unique opportunity to hear from world class healthcare professionals about organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Presentations are delivered by healthcare professionals from the three top tier transplant hospitals in Toronto: SickKids, University Health Network and St. Michael's Hospital along with a transplant recipient, donor family member, or living organ donor,.

To date, more than 421 presentations have been delivered at 100 high schools reaching more than 28,000 students. Presentations are very well received and there have been requests to return to many schools. Presentations are informative, engaging and flexible; they can be assembly-style or given in more intimate classroom settings. Presentations are about an hour in length and can also be adapted to varying class lengths with a built in Q&A with the students. Students will also be provided with organ and tissue donation materials to take home to share with their families.

In addition to the presentation offering, there is a comprehensive senior secondary school curriculum program designed to convey the vital importance of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. **One Life ... Many Gifts** can be used in *Science, Physical Health and Education, English, the Arts, Canadian and World Studies, Guidance, Civics, Careers and Religious Education* subject-areas. The curriculum can be accessed by visiting [www.onelifemanygifts.ca](http://www.onelifemanygifts.ca).

For more information or to book a presentation at your school, please contact Anna Cocco or complete the [online booking form](#).

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