

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us in celebrating Donate Life Month and 25 years of transforming lives with Iowa Donor Network.

Drew Lienemann, our son and brother, was an 18-year-old senior in high school and lived in Waukee, IA when he passed away. He excelled in all sports, was a 3-year starter on the varsity football team and was a captain his senior year. He set records in track and had multiple football, track and academic scholarships. He was very well liked by his peers and he stood up for the underdog. He was planning on going to Iowa State for college and was going to major in finance or pre-med. Drew was extremely disciplined and was strong in his faith. He kept a daily prayer journal and was a talented writer and artist.

When Drew turned 16 and went to the Dallas County DMV to get his license, he made the decision to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor. As a family we had discussed what it meant to be a registered donor and shared that it was ultimately our children's decision to make. Drew chose YES. While we miss Drew terribly each and every day, we are proud of the decision he made to be a donor and that he has been able to help so many others.

Everyone in our family are registered donors, however we were still absolutely amazed when we found out that Drew has been able to help 190 people all over the world through his donation. We had no idea how many people's lives could be saved or improved through a single donation.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Iowa Donor Network and the work they do alongside you, the DMV professionals, who have the daily opportunity to ignite action. By asking every person every time about registering as a donor, you start a ripple that can save and enhance the lives of hundreds and thousands of individuals each year. You not only impact lives locally, but all over the world. Thank you for helping to raise awareness and encouraging people to consider giving the gift of life!

Blessings,

The Lienemann family

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