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To the answer that saves lives

When it comes to the simple donation of your gently used clothes or shoes or your sweet pictures hanging so perfectly in your hallway. It can make you stop and think but in the short term it's rather easy to let these things go. After all most of them will be replaced with new ones with fresher colors and UpToDate vibes.

Then there is the donation of money Level 2. We tend to hold on a little tighter in this case. We rationalize what is a good amount to give. We want to know exactly who is getting the money and who will benefit from it. We even determine how much we will donate based on some of the answers to these questions. Diminishing the amount if we are uncertain of the answers even if we are prepared to donate more.

We feel more connected to monetary donations even to the point of wanting to see the results from your charitable jester. We remember exactly how much and why we donated and may encourage others to do the same. We carry a sense of Pride and A Good doer's badge even if worn only on the inside. It

makes us feel good to do good. Weather we do it in secret or publicly we know or feel we have done a good thing, and in most cases we have. So, Bravo!

But hold on, because now, comes the big one, level 3. The ultimate donation, Organ Donation. Now we are talking about the highest level of donation and commitment. Less if we are talking organ donation once we have perished, but a great contribution to society any way you slice it.

The greatest Donation in my opinion is the Organ donation from the ***Living Donor***. The living donor donates knowing they will live the remainder of their lives without what they gave.

Having the courage to willingly walk into the hospital a healthy individual knowing or at least believing you will walk out with less internally than you came in with. You will have the uncertainty of after surgery pain and discomfort. You will anticipate how recovery will be and how and when you will be back to your, before donation routine. You will wonder how it will affect your future life.

Becoming a living donor is a decision that only the donor themselves can make. You can ask the professionals all the questions, speak with your

spouse, friends and even your children to get their opinions and ideas about becoming a living donor. You will consider how it will affect your family and those close to you.

You will harbor the knowledge that there is a chance, no matter how slim, there is a chance that you may end up giving your life while trying to donate an organ.

When it's all said and done the living donor has to search from within to come to the final decision to become a ***Living Donor***. Some say they received a calling from a higher source, your God, Creator or whatever source you deem higher than yourself. Others are motivated by a loved one in need. Whatever your motivation is for becoming a deceased or living donor, it is a decision only the donor themselves can make.

Some people say that a living organ donor is a hero. I say it's the ultimate gift to humanity. The highest form of service to others. A most courageous

and selfless act. Weather you decide to be a deceased or living donor. Answer “YES” to Life.

I checked the “YES” box on my Driver’s License, Vehicle Registration form and on my Living Will and Directives. I said “YES” to saving lives. What do you say?

To learn more about Organ donation. Visit any of the sites below.

Ready to become an organ donor..... Register Today at any of these sites.

donatelife.net

organdonor.gov

UNOS.org