

The Health Museum Wall of Heroes

Organ, Eye & Tissue Donation Helps to Save Lives



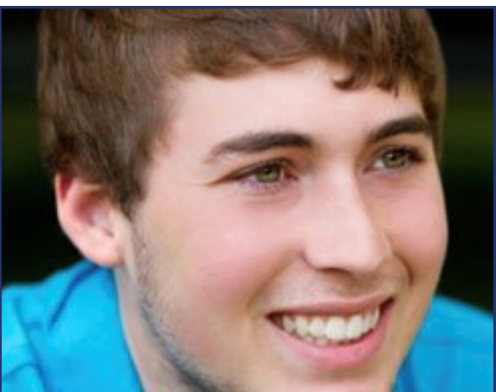
Matthew donated tissue, including skin, bone and soft tissue, to help heal the lives of countless patients. A single tissue donor can save and heal more than 75 individuals. Matthew's mother says, "Regardless of any challenges or adversity life threw at him, he rose to every challenge with his head held high and faith in his heart."



Rylen who was always smiling, quickly earned the name Smilin' Rylen. He became a donor at only 13.5 months old after a battle with bacterial meningitis. Rylen was able to help save five lives through organ donation. His parents later founded The Smilin' Rylen Foundation whose Mission is to raise awareness about organ donation and to assist families in crisis.



Phyllis is remembered by her family as a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, mother-in-law and friend. Her daughter says she lives on in their hearts and through the generosity of organ donation.



Jordan was a very special and caring young man and wanted to help everyone he could in good times as well as bad. His kind heart and selfless act of organ donation has directly impacted several families as well as thousands indirectly through specific research programs. Jordan's mom honors him by painting rocks to spread the importance of organ donation and serves on the board of the Pre to Post Transplant Foundation.



Jayla left a lasting legacy helping to save the lives of five individuals on the organ transplant waiting list through the donation of her heart, liver, two kidneys and two lungs. Adds her mother, "I knew my daughter would have wanted to help someone else live. It was not easy on my heart because I knew organ donation meant my little girl was no longer here on earth with me, but my spirit was rested knowing she helped someone."



Shane helped to save the lives of three patients with his generous donation of his heart, liver and two kidneys. Shane's tissue gifts helped save the lives of additional patients who were victims of traumatic injury and degenerative disease. His mother says, "The act of donating has positively influenced a very sad situation for our family."

