



# *Writing to Transplant Recipients*

As a service to donor families, whose generosity enables us to accomplish our mission of sight preservation and restoration, Eversight Illinois acts as an intermediary between donor families and cornea transplant recipients who wish to communicate with one another. To protect the privacy of both parties, we forward letters and cards anonymously, unless both parties sign confidentiality waivers that allow their identities to be shared.

# Suggestions for Writing

Any time is a good time to write. Whether it has been weeks or months since the loss of your loved one, recipients are grateful to hear from you. When you write:

- Use only first names. Tell them something special or unique about your loved one, such as their favorite hobbies, interests or occupation.
- Consider talking about your decision to give the gift of sight.
- Be sensitive regarding religious comments and views, since the recipient's religion is unknown.
- Please sign only your first name. Do not use last names, street addresses, city names, phone numbers or names of hospitals or physicians.

Occasionally, cornea recipients send a note or card in response to your correspondence. Eversight encourages them to do so, however, recipients often find it difficult to express their gratitude in writing. As a donor family member, you should not be discouraged if the cornea recipient is unable to write back.

## Mailing your Correspondence

Place your card or letter in an unsealed envelope. Include a separate note to Eversight Illinois requesting your correspondence be mailed to the recipient. We will need your full name, address, phone number and the full name of your loved one.

### **Mail both pieces in one envelope to:**

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