

## **SAMPLE PERSUASIVE SPEECH**

**Title:** Organ Donation

**Specific Purpose:** To persuade my audience to donate their organs and tissues when they die and to act upon their decision to donate.

**Thesis Statement:** The need is constantly growing for organ donors and it is very simple to become an organ donor.

### **INTRODUCTION**

- I) How do you feel when you have to wait for something you really, really want? What if it was something you *literally* couldn't live without?
- II) The need is constantly growing for organ donors and it is very simple to become an organ donor.
- III) Today I'd like to talk to you about the need for organ donors in our area, how organ donor recipients benefit from your donation, and how you can become an organ donor today.
- IV) I am credible to speak about this topic because I did a lot of research on organ donation and because I am an organ donor myself.

**(I'll begin by telling you about the need for organ donors.)**

### **BODY**

I) People around the world and also right here in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois, need organ transplants and they need our help.

A) The problem is that there is a lack of organs and organ donors who make organ transplantation possible (Smith 35).

B) According to Jane Green and Jim Lee, authors of "Organ Donations in Minnesota," the number of organ donors in our area has diminished to a low 23% (Green and Lee 23).

**(Now that you see the great need for organ donors in our area, let's look at what may happen if you choose to donate your organs.)**

II) Organ donation benefits both the donor's family and the recipients.

A) If you donate your organs, the people who receive your organs will have a second chance at life.

B) Organ donation can save as much as a hundred lives in a month (Hexum 311).

**(So how can you make sure your organs are donated after you die?)**

**III)** There are two steps you should take in order to become an organ donor.

**A)** Dr. Turner from Valley Green Hospital states that you should “talk with your family about your decision” (Turner 48).

**B)** Next time you renew your driver’s license, “just check the appropriate box to become an organ donor” (“Donate Life”).

**(So, to wrap it up...)**

## **CONCLUSION**

- I)** Today, I’ve told you about the need for organ donors in our area, how organ recipients benefit from your donation, and how you can become an organ donor after you die.
- II)** The need is constantly growing for organ donors and it is very simple to become an organ donor.
- III)** I’m going to leave you with a short message from Michael Jordan: "Please make the decision to become an organ and tissue donor. Remember: Share your life. Share your decision."

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