

The Mickey Mantle Foundation - Mickey's Team

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Be sure to include: your name, complete mailing address, and the number of cards you would like (limit 5).

Mickey's personal message to each of us, printed on the Mickey's Team donation cards, reads as follows:

"The best gift I ever got was on June 8, 1995 when an organ donor gave me and five other patients at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas the organs we needed to live. I guess you could say I got another time at bat. "Now I want to give something back. I can do that first by telling kids and parents to take care of their bodies. Don't drink or do drugs. Your health is the main thing you've got, so don't blow it. "Second, think hard about being an organ and tissue donor if the time ever comes. Sign this card, carry it with you, and let your family know how you feel. "Thanks for your prayers and kindness. I'll never be able to make up all I owe God and the American people. But if you will join me in supporting the cause of organ and tissue donation, it would be a great start."

About the Mantle Foundation Background:

Given a few precious extra weeks of life because of a liver transplant, Mickey Mantle will be remembered for something more than his heroic baseball career. This baseball great, considered a hero by many, was overwhelmed by the selfless gift of a liver from a stranger. Learning of the critical need for organ and tissue donation, Mickey became determined to give something back at the end of his life. He directed that The Mickey Mantle Foundation be established to promote organ and tissue donation. Mickey had expected to lead Mickey's Team to the complete elimination of deaths due to the shortage of organs and tissue, but this was not to be. Our challenge is to make his dream come true. Assessment: The critical shortage of organ and tissue donors results from the American public's being uninformed about the critical need, as well as the process, of donation. The decision to be a donor is difficult for many Americans. However, we believe that the American public will embrace organ and tissue donation if the decision-making opportunity and the information is made more readily available. Accessibility and education are the keys. The Mission: Our initial mission is the complete elimination of the loss of life or the loss of quality of life due to the lack of organs and tissue available for transplantation. The Plan: We will work in concert with professionals in the donation and transplantation community to accomplish this mission. Our strategy - continuous public distribution of information relevant to organ and tissue donation, along with the distribution of millions of donor cards. Mickey's Team will be comprised of many from all walks of life. We must have those with the financial tools, the media tools, the educational tools, and the medical tools on this team! Our message will be factual, inspirational, and educational. We must capture the minds and hearts of our fellow Americans. We must make it easier for families and loved ones to make this important decision during times of good health and clear thinking. We believe the American people will say "yes!" to organ and tissue donation - Let's give them the opportunity to join Mickey's Team. The Mickey Mantle Foundation 8080 N. Central Expressway, Suite 800 Dallas, Texas 75206-1887 Phone 800-477-MICK (6425) or (214) 891-8890 Fax (214) 691-0418