

“I am extremely pleased that this partnership between Nishnawbe Aski Nation and the Ontario Trillium Gift of Life Network has come into fruition,” said Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines. “As we spread the word about organ and tissue donation to everyone in the province, we can ensure that more lives in Ontario will be saved.”

Stan and Nellie Beardy tragically lost their son Daniel in 2004. They made the decision to donate Daniel’s organs and tissues to give the gift of life to people in desperate need of life-saving transplants. Grand Chief Beardy is now spearheading the drive to educate First Nation people about organ and tissue donation. He encourages them to come forward to register their consent to donate.

“The opportunity to become organ and tissue donors may be new to many people of Nishnawbe Aski, but the value of sharing and helping others in need is deeply rooted in our spirituality and culture. I encourage everyone in our communities to seriously consider this wonderful opportunity to give the gift of life,” said Beardy. “By becoming organ and tissue donors, we as First Nation people can give each recipient a second chance at life. This will help strengthen the resilience of our people while improving the health and well-being of our communities.”

You can register your consent to donate your organs and tissue by visiting your local Service Ontario Health Card Services – OHIP office or Outreach Site where you renew your health card. You can also register by downloading and filling out a Gift of Life Consent Form from www.giftoflife.on.ca and mailing it to the address on the form.

If you’ve already signed your donor card, please also register your decision and talk to your family about your decision.

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