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**Message**

Both life and death are existential realities and somewhere along this continuum is the human desire to find meaning and purpose of life. Our world is full of poignant accounts of organ donation which fostered bonds of deep emotion between families of donors and recipients. The dreadful loss of a family member was overcome to some extent by hearing the heartbeat of the loved one in another person. As one such video said, "If you want a legacy- what better legacy could you have than to help other people live". Organ donation is the quintessential link between hope and despair, pain and joy, life and death. In a sense, it fulfills the innate human desire to perpetuate life.

The sheer agony of having a family member's name on the long waiting list for organ transplant is a trauma lived out in many homes. As a result of the abysmally low rate of donors, many people are compelled to see their dear ones suffer or even lose their lives while waiting for an organ transplant that matches all the requisite medical parameters. The process itself is fraught with numerous risks and complications. It is shocking that such a huge chasm exists between the requirement and the availability of organ donation when one individual can save up to eight lives. And we are a country with billion plus people.

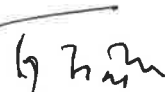
MOHAN foundation under the visionary leadership of its founder and managing trustee Dr Sunil Shroff, Ms. Bhavna Jagwani, Convenor MFJCF and their dedicated team of coordinators have been rendering a yeoman's service to humanity at large by crusading for this noble cause.

It is high time we step out of the inhibitions, taboos and legal obstacles that have mystified entire spectrum of issues that have enveloped the donation of an organ. There can be no better way to bring this amazing journey of life to a close than by donating one's organs. On this Organ Donation Day on August 13, 2020, let us bring a ray of hope and a little sunshine in someone else's life. Today, let us sensitize our families and commit ourselves to the cause of organ donation. In my opinion, there is no better way to live... and no better way to die...

***"Vasamsi jirnani yatha vihaya  
navani grhnati naro parani  
tatha sharirani vihaya jirnan  
nyanyani samyati navani dehi."***

"As a person discarding worn-out clothes, takes other new ones, likewise the embodied soul, casting off worn-out bodies, enters into others which are new"

(Bhagavad Gita Chapter 2:22)

  
(Sunil Arora)