



WRITING TO YOUR RECIPIENT

Many donor families want to bring honor to their loved one by sharing the legacy they left behind. Healing often comes through expressions of these feelings. You may not be ready to write to your loved one's recipient at this time. It can be months or years until you are able, and that is perfectly acceptable.

Most recipient families do want to hear from the donor family who made their sight restoration possible. A simple card or note can be very special to them. The decision to write to your recipient is a very personal one, and Advancing Sight Network is here to support you in any way we can.

HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED:

- 1.** Address your correspondence to: "Dear Recipient"
- 2.** On a separate sheet of paper, write your loved one's name and the date of their passing so that we will know which recipient to send it to. This will not be sent with your correspondence.
- 3.** Mail to: **ADVANCING SIGHT NETWORK**
Attn: Correspondence Manager
500 Robert Jemison Road
Birmingham, AL 35209
- 4.** Advancing Sight will mail your correspondence to the recipient. We assure you we will maintain all confidentiality.

If you have any questions please call
Advancing Sight Network at 888.639.1863
www.advancingsight.org
communications@advancingsight.org

TOPICS TO DISCUSS IN YOUR LETTER

Talk about your loved one...

- Their job or occupation.
- The family situation (spouse, children, grandchildren).
- Their hobbies or interests.

Talk about what made your loved one special to their friends and family...

- Their personality (sense of humor, loving, giving).
- What their co-workers and close friends liked most.

Memories that were made special because of them...

- This is an opportunity for you to share the special memories that you'll always hold dear.

Enclose pictures of family...

- You may include a few pictures of you and your family. *This is not a requirement, but can add a beautiful visual to your story.*

Closing your card or letter:

- Sign your first name only.
- Do not reveal your address, city or phone number.
- Only use the first name of your loved one who was the donor.



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You may or may not receive a response. Some recipients experience a certain level of guilt. They realize that someone had to experience the loss of a loved one for them to regain their sight. Some are overwhelmed with gratitude, and a letter from you can help add to their story. Please communicate in a sensitive manner.