



I Want You To Know

Dear _____,

I want you to know that I (we) have decided to make a donation of brain tissue to the Autism Speaks, Autism Tissue Program (ATP) through their tissue repository at the Harvard Brain and Tissue Resource Center (HBTRC). I have registered myself and/or family members listed below with the Autism Tissue Program.

I understand that brain tissue is the most precious element in the process of neurological scientific discovery. Unfortunately, this resource is exceptionally rare, hindering the very research that will help us understand autism.

The Autism Tissue Program is dedicated to supporting scientists worldwide in their efforts to understand autism, autism related disorders and the human brain. This scientific program of Autism Speaks, makes brain tissue available to as many qualified scientists as possible to advance autism research and unravel the mysteries of this and related neurological conditions. In fact, it is the only program solely dedicated to increasing and enhancing the availability of post-mortem brain tissue for basic research in autism.

Due to the scarcity of available brain tissue of persons with autism and their relatives, as well as unaffected persons, I want to prioritize the donation of my (our) brain tissue to the Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center for autism research.

The research efforts of the Autism Tissue Program are extremely important to me and my family. Please assist me or my next-of-kin in calling the program's 24-hour hotline **1-877-333-0999**, in the event of death. For more information about the Autism Tissue Program, please visit www.autismtissueprogram.org.

Sincerely,

(print name - adult)

(sign name - adult)

(date)

Donor Family Names:

(print name)

(sign name)

(date)

(print name)

(sign name)

(date)

(print name)

(sign name)

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