

## Jason Ray: Ray of Hope Questions / Points for Discussion and Answers

1. How many people was Jason Ray able to help through organ and tissue donation?
2. What kind of an impact did Jason Ray have by making the decision to be an organ and tissue donor?
3. Which organs did the four men receive?
4. In general, what other organs could potentially be donated?
5. What tissues can be donated?
6. Were you surprised by the reaction and emotions of the Ray's?
7. When this video was made in 2007, there were nearly 100,000 people waiting for a transplant. Do you know how many people are currently waiting today?
8. What were some factors that were required for Ronald (the heart recipient) to receive a heart?
  - a. Body size
  - b. Top of the list
  - c. Blood type
9. The donation process is confidential. Why do you think this is?
10. How old was Jason Ray when he made his decision to donate? At the time, his parents were able to overturn his decision but they said they would not do that because it was his decision and that they would honor it. How do you feel about this?

### Answers:

1. Over 50 people.
2. He was able to help save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people. Also, helped his parents feel 'uplifted' when they learned how his tragic death was able to directly help so many people.
3. Heart, Liver, Kidney, Kidney and Pancreas
4. Lungs and Small Intestine.
5. Corneas, bone, soft tissue (like an ACL), heart valves, veins and skin.
6. Student's personal reaction
7. As of December 2009, over 105,000 people in the nation. In Illinois alone, that is 4,700 people.
8. Body size, Top of the list, Blood / tissue type, Location of recipient in relation to donor (this was not mentioned in the film but another factor due to the short amount of time organs can last outside of the body.)
9. In respect for the donor family who has just lost a loved one, everything is kept confidential. Also, everyone's medical care is kept confidential by law.
10. Jason was 18 or 19 years old. In Illinois and most states across the United States, you have to be 18 years old to make this legal and binding decision. Your next of kin, cannot overturn that decision. Trained staff from recovery agencies speak to families whether or not someone is registered to be an organ/tissue donor. Families, just like Jason often say that they will honor their loved one's wish through organ/tissue donation.