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Would You Like To Save A Life

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Apr 29, 2007 - Many area diners walked into a Twin Cities McDonald's today for a quick bite to eat, and left with so much more. As Donate Life Month throughout the nation comes to a close, the fast-food restaurant in Normal is helping people get involved in the fight to save lives.

Thanks to an unknown family, 42-year-old Kathy Craven is living with a new kidney. Craven says she was terrified when doctors told her she needed a kidney.

"I was like Oh no what am I going to do this is scary. You know you always feel bad because someone did die and is it going to work, what happens, you go through a lot of emotions," Craven says.

Donate Life Illinois held an organ and tissue donor registry at the Normal McDonald's for several reasons.

"The manager's son Dean McLeod was killed in November of 2005 in a car accident. And after his death his family chose to donate his organs and he saved five lives and restored sight to two people. So the McLeod's have been very active in promoting organ and tissue donation in this area," Donate Life Illinois Volunteer Moreena Tiede said.

Moreena's reasons for being involved in Donate Life Illinois are personal as well. Her six-year-old daughter Annika has been waiting for a new liver for six months.

"Transplants for babies are very difficult. She suffered a post surgical blood clot, which she lived with fine for a number of years but now it's affecting her liver function," Tiede says.

As Annika waits, her family is grateful for the time they had and the time they have right now.