



Rotary Club of Mill Point
Charity Golf Day for PlusLife

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HOW IS PLUSLIFE FUNDED?

There is no cost associated with donating bone and tissue, nor is any payment made to the donor or donor family.

Trading in human tissue is illegal in Australia, however, a 'fee for service' approved by the government is recoverable each time graft is implanted.

These graft fees support PlusLife's operational expenses, but we also rely on the generosity of the Western Australian community to support our organisation.

To make a tax deductible donation to PlusLife, please call (08) 6144 3500 or visit our website.

HOW YOU COULD GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved and to support PlusLife:

- Make a tax deductible financial donation
- Attend one of our events
- Volunteer at our events
- Like and share our posts on social media
- Talk to your family about organ and tissue donation
- Sign up for our newsletter

For more information, please contact us:

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

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All you need to know about who we are and what we do

ABOUT PLUSLIFE

PlusLife is a not-for-profit charitable organisation and is recognised as one of Australia's premier tissue banks.

PlusLife collects, screens, stores, and distributes donated human bone and tissue grafts (transplantable material) for use in surgical procedures.

Donated bone and tissue is used to treat patients suffering with conditions such as spinal deformities, arthritic joint disease, bone cancers, sports injuries and those needing facial and dental reconstruction surgery.

The majority of PlusLife's grafts are used within Western Australia, with some sent interstate and overseas (New Zealand and Singapore) as required.

PlusLife has a robust quality system in place and regularly undertakes ethically approved research, to ensure that our processes produce grafts of the highest quality.

SOURCING BONE AND TISSUE

PlusLife has two donor programs:

Living donor program

Patients undergoing hip replacement surgery can choose to donate the ball part of their hip joint (femoral head), which is removed and otherwise discarded as a routine part of the procedure.

Cadaveric (deceased) donor program

It is important to discuss your wishes about organ and tissue donation with your family, so that your next of kin can make an informed decision if approached by a Donor Coordinator after your death.

You can register your donation wishes at your local Medicare office, or online at www.donorregister.gov.au.

WHO CAN DONATE?

While a thorough review of your medical history will be required, you should not assume that you are too old or not healthy enough to donate.

Strict criteria and regulatory controls for screening and testing are in place to minimise the risk of the transmission of disease, thus ensuring the safety of recipients.

FACTS ABOUT BONE AND TISSUE DONATION

- Tissue donation refers to the donation of bone, tendons, ligaments, corneas, heart valves and skin.
- Second in number to blood transfusions, bone is the most commonly transplanted material.
- Bone and tissue donors and recipients do not have to be tissue matched and do not need to take anti-rejection medication.
- Cadaveric donors have their limbs reconstructed, meaning open-casket funerals are possible.
- Bone and tissue grafts are used in conjunction with other prosthetic implants such as plates and screws.
- One multi tissue donor can benefit up to 30 other people.
- Bone and tissue can be retrieved up to 24 hours after a person has passed away.
- Bone and other tissues can be safely stored for up to five years before use.
- Australia is a world leader for successful organ and tissue transplants.

"The bone graft I received from PlusLife saved my leg from amputation. I will be forever grateful to the donor family"

Ms Jenni Penman
Bone graft recipient

MEET HARRY

In 2010, when he was just nine years old, Harry was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer).

He had been feeling pain in his left arm for a couple of weeks, and eventually he started to wake in the night crying in pain.

Within a week of seeing his doctor, Harry had been sent for numerous tests, x-rays, and had a painful bone biopsy.

Harry and his family were told he had osteosarcoma.

After 10 weeks of chemotherapy treatment, Harry had major surgery on his shoulder to remove the cancer. The shoulder joint and part of his humerus were removed and replaced with a donor bone from PlusLife.

The surgery took 18 hours.

Four weeks after his surgery, Harry began another 20 week phase of chemotherapy and he spent a long time in his wheel chair and on crutches.

Prior to his diagnosis, Harry's family were unaware that there was a bone bank in Perth. They will always be grateful to the person who donated the bone, and PlusLife for providing it, as without the donor bone Harry would have had his arm amputated.

Harry was extremely brave throughout his treatment and rarely complained.

He has now been cancer free for almost five years.

Harry is a fantastic advocate for bone and tissue donation and PlusLife is extremely grateful to him and his family for sharing their story.



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