

## I Was Born With a Broken Heart

"I was born with a broken heart," says six-year-old Christopher Kahn. Before he was born, doctors could tell he had a heart problem. Christopher was born early and diagnosed with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. This means that his left ventricle could stretch but not contract.

Christopher was incubated and immediately placed on

the transplant waiting list. After 40 days of waiting, the Kahns received a call that a donor heart that was a match to Christopher had been found.

The transplant was a huge success; Christopher is now leading a happy, healthy and complete life with his Mom, Dad and baby brother - Michael.



## THE NUMBERS

Currently almost **100,000** people in the United States are waiting for an organ transplant.

**1,600** of those waiting are in Louisiana.

In 2007, **114** people in Louisiana died waiting

One donor can:

- save **9** lives through organ donation
- restore sight to **2** people through cornea donation
- enhance the lives of over **50** more through tissue donation

Make the decision today to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.

Tell your family about your wishes so they can be aware of your decision to give the Gift of Life.

To register:

- [www.organawareness.org](http://www.organawareness.org)
- say "YES!" to donation when you get or renew your driver's license
- call **1.800.521.GIVE**

## DID YOU KNOW?

**All major religions approve of organ, eye and tissue donation**, and see it as an unselfish act of charity.

**Your decision to donate will not interfere with life-saving medical care.** Organ and tissue donation is only an option after all attempts have been made to save your life and death has been declared.

**It is illegal to distribute organs based on wealth, citizenship or celebrity status.**