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Funds raised from the Donate Life Plate will help save and heal thousands of lives through organ, eye and tissue donation - lives like Matthew Ouimet's.



Matthew was born with a rare genetic disorder and, at just five months old, doctors told his parents he would need a liver-kidney transplant to survive. After two agonizing years of dialysis, hospitalizations, treatments and medications, a donor hero saved little Matthew's life. That hero was Brandon Burnett, a 22-year-old U.S. Army soldier, whose life was tragically cut short in a car accident.

"It was, and still is, a rollercoaster of emotions," says Maggie Kolb, Brandon's mother. "While we are devastated that Brandon did not survive his injuries, we are so proud he registered to be a donor. He wanted to help people in a big way and he ended up doing it in the biggest way possible and gave life to five people."

When Matthew sees a picture of Brandon, he says, "That's Brandon. He is my hero. He saved my life."