



Nicholas County Eighth Grade Honor Society students who participated in the Chicago trip
"Trust of Life" promotes Organ Donation Awareness Week

Next week is National Organ & Tissue Donation Week and Nicholas County Circuit Court Clerk's office wants everyone to consider becoming a potential organ and tissue donor. They also want everyone who wants to be a donor to sign the back of their drivers license or place a donor sticker on it - and most importantly, tell their family and friends.

When Nicholas County residents go to the Circuit Clerk's office to renew their drivers licenses, they are asked to donate an additional \$1.00 to the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Association's Donor Affiliates (KODA), the Trust For Life which is dedi-

cated to promoting organ and tissue donation across the state. In 1998 nearly 40% of all Kentucky drivers renewing licenses donated an extra dollar.

The Trust For Life was created in 1995 by the state's Circuit Court Clerks after the legislature passed a bill allowing them to collect the \$1.00 donation. Since then, Kentucky has become one of the leading states in nation for organ donation consent, making the waiting time for organs and tissues in the state one of the very shortest according to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA), the federally designated organ and

issue procurement organization for most of the state, some of Kentucky's success must be credited to the work of the Trust and the Circuit Court Clerks.

The money raised by the clerks is used to maintain a statewide advertising campaign promoting organ and tissue donation and to support education programs put on by KODA and other agencies that do the same.

Currently in Kentucky, more than 300 people are on waiting lists for life saving organs and many more need life enhancing tissues and eye corneas. According to health officials, some of those waiting will never live to receive their needed transplants.

For more information about organ and tissue donation and transplantation, visit the drivers license counter at your Circuit Clerk's office; call KODA at 1-800-825-7456, or visit the Trust For Life web site at www.trustforlife.org.



Members of the Senior class at Nicholas County High School enjoyed their trip to the gulf region

Seniors enjoying three wheeler boats on the beach of the Mississippi Coast

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