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Organ Donation – Maurie
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Jim: Hi, I'm Jim Haveman, Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health. I'm here with an amazing Michiganiaan, Maurie Ferriter. Tell us about saving your neighbor's life.

Maurie: We live on a lake and he fell through the ice. My wife, Patty, and I went out with a rope and I went in and got him out.

Jim: That's the heroic part. Now here's the amazing part.

Maurie: My life was saved 16 years ago with a kidney transplant. If not for that, I wouldn't have been around at all, let alone save another life.

Jim: Michigan needs organ donors. There were 542 transplants in Michigan last year. Unfortunately, 201 others died while waiting.

Maurie: Add your name to the Organ and Tissue Donor Registry. Call the Gift of Life at 1-800-482-4881.

Jim: That's 1-800-482-4881. Give the gift of life.

Maurie: And the life you save could save another.

Jim: A message from the Michigan Department of Community Health . . .

Maurie: People like me who've received the gift of life . . .

Jim: And the Michigan Association of Broadcasters.

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