



To our Northeast Ohio Community,

My name is Dr. Susanne Wish-Baratz. As the newest director of Case Western Reserve University's Anatomical Gift Program, I wanted to reach out to introduce myself and this special program to you.

As a professor in the Department of Anatomy at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, I have been teaching human anatomy to medical, dental, and graduate students for over three decades. During that time, I have witnessed first-hand how our students are awestruck by the physical structures that make us the people we are and how thankful they are for the generosity and forethought of our donors who make this valuable opportunity possible.

For over 40 years, the Anatomical Gift Program has provided cadavers, generously donated by those who have passed away, to help train the next generation of healthcare students at Case Western Reserve University, including those in our medicine, physician assistant, dental medicine, and graduate programs, to become effective clinicians and caregivers.

Many people who choose to donate their bodies to the AGP have a prior connection to the University, such as being an employee, alumnus, patient at an affiliated medical center, or through another affiliation. We are fortunate for the kinship fostered during their lifetime that ultimately helped them make this important decision.

Donating one's body is an amazing, selfless gift to our students that benefits their future patients. Such a gift gives future doctors the opportunity to learn and appreciate anatomy as it really is—variant and amazingly intricate. Learning about human anatomy through dissection provides a unique experience that provides enduring knowledge that our students will use throughout their entire clinical career.

Just one donation of a body will benefit the health and wellbeing of thousands of our fellow human beings.

If you or someone you know is interested in donating to the Case Western Reserve University Anatomical Gift Program or if you would like to learn more about the program, there are several ways to reach us: visiting our website (<https://case.edu/medicine/anatomy/body-donation>), emailing us at anatomy@case.edu, or calling us at **216.368.3430**. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

As one appreciative medical student wrote: "To the donors who have taught me the wonders of humanity, thank you."

To those who are contemplating a donation, thank you for your consideration of the Anatomical Gift Program as your contribution will have a positive and lasting impact on the next generation of health professionals. Sincerely,

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