

Case study:

Philip Traher





Meet Philip

Philip Traher had always been interested in medical television programmes, and he knew that his parents believed in organ donation and transplantation.

He liked football, basketball, and belonged to the Cubs and Scouts. Philip, who lived in Harrogate, liked reading Terry Pratchett books and generally enjoyed playing with his mates and listening to music.

Philip died in a road traffic accident when he was only 13 years old. Philip was on his way to play basketball at his local school when the accident happened. His parents, David and Anthea, were devastated, but they knew that their son would have wanted to donate his organs to give someone else the chance of a better quality of life.

“Philip never kept anything he didn’t need anymore, he always gave things away when he’d finished with them,” his mother said. “That was another reason why we knew Philip would want to donate his organs. Philip was precious to us and it has given us some comfort to know that from our tragedy Philip helped six other people, including restoring someone’s sight by donating his corneas”.

