



When Generosity Gives the Breathe of Life

Thanks to donors, Kyle recovered quickly with his wife by his side.

A V60 Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (biPAP) machine is a state-of-the-art, non-invasive ventilator. At first glance the device may not seem very impressive. However, when you or someone you love is struggling to breathe and, without a biPAP machine, the only option is to put the patient into a coma so a breathing tube can be inserted into their lungs, the cutting-edge medical devices suddenly becomes very impressive--and important!

That's what happened to Kyle, who suffers from COPD, a chronic and progressive lung disease that makes it difficult to breathe even at the best of times. Kyle had contracted pneumonia in addition to his COPD and had so much difficulty breathing. His wife called for an ambulance to take him to the Parkview Wabash Hospital.

By the time the ambulance arrived at the hospital, Kyle was in severe respiratory distress. Something had to be done quickly or he wasn't going to be alive long enough for antibiotics to begin the healing process. But thanks to the generous contributions of local donors to Parkview Wabash Foundation, Parkview Wabash Hospital is equipped with a V60 BiPAP machine. The Parkview medical team quickly fitted a mask over Kyle's nose and mouth, and the machine took over from there. It automatically adjusted to Kyle's breathing pattern, moving the precious oxygen in and out of his lungs with just the right amount of individualized pressure needed.



No longer struggling for every breath, Kyle's anxiety levels dropped and his body immediately relaxed. Within an hour, he was awake and asking for ice chips to soothe his dry mouth and throat. The next morning, he was removed from the V60 BiPAP machine long enough to eat breakfast and take his medication. Best of all, his wife was right by his side throughout the ordeal and was able to remain with him until he was well enough to be taken off the V60 BiPAP and return home.

Without the V60 BiPAP machine, the only option would have been to place Kyle into a drug-induced coma and intubate him to make it possible for him to breathe. He then would have been transported to Parkview Regional Medical Center and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. From that point, Kyle would have remained in a coma, receiving nourishment, water, and medications only through an IV. The final cost of the treatment would have been many times greater. And, worst of all, Kyle's wife, could not have accompanied him. She is unable to drive and could not have afforded the daily bus or taxi expenses. Her only option would have been to remain behind in Wabash, leaving them both without the nurture and comfort of each other's company through Kyle's health crisis.

Thanks to generous donors like you, the lifesaving biPAP machine was available when Kyle needed it the most. Your generosity helped Kyle recover quickly, close to home, and with his beloved spouse.

When Generosity Makes the Journey Worth It

Generous donors make excellent care possible in every community.

“It came completely out of the blue,” said Terry McDonald of the incident that landed him in the Intensive Care Unit at Parkview Wabash Hospital. “One day, I’m just fine. The next, I’m struggling to recover from a stroke.”

To make Terry’s recovery possible, he first needed to be transferred to the care of the heart specialists at the Parkview Heart Institute (PHI) on the Parkview Regional Medical Center campus for carotid artery surgery to restore proper blood flow to Terry’s brain.

Thanks to advanced telemedicine technology, specialists at PHI were consulted even before Terry left Parkview Wabash. This made it possible for him to be stabilized in preparation for the transport and surgery that awaited him at the Heart Institute. Once he recovered from the surgery, he needed weeks of physical and occupational therapy to help him re-learn how to stand and walk, including how to walk up and down stairs.



Terry and Carol McDonald are pictured above at their home in Wabash County.

Through great effort and determination, Terry’s journey has brought him back home to his wife Carol. He is again doing well. “I can’t say enough good things about the nurses and therapists at Parkview,” he said. “I didn’t know what was happening to me but they explained it all, patiently educating me about my condition and helping me do what I had to do to get better. Everyone was so very kind and patient and friendly. Always with a smile.”

According to Terry, while nobody wants to end up in the hospital, if it happens to you, there’s no better place to help you get well than Parkview. “I’m not exaggerating at all,” said Terry. “Parkview nurses are terrific!”

Generous donations to Parkview Wabash Foundation help make this terrific care possible for the Wabash community and for people like Terry. The generosity of donors ensures that every patient’s needs are met with highly trained staff, using the best medical equipment available. Even when more intensive care is required at Parkview Regional Medical Center, the initial care provided at Parkview Wabash and the follow-up care after patients return home completes the healing journey. Your generosity heals. Thank You.

For more information about how your generosity heals, please visit ParkviewFoundations.org

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