



When Generosity Brings You Home

John was able to heal at home, but only because of your gifts.

On a crisp, fall day in 2016, John was making his first run, on his first day at a new job driving a big rig, when an accident on I-69 landed him in the emergency room at Parkview Regional Medical Center. It wasn't the best first day at work.

Once he was stabilized, he was moved to the Continuing Care Unit at Parkview Hospital to continue his recovery.

Everyone involved knew it was going to be a long haul. John was going to need intensive physical and occupational therapy to regain the use of his legs. And that wasn't the only problem.

As a new employee, John didn't have health insurance, or even workmen's compensation. Worst of all, his home was in Michigan and he had no family support during his out-of-town stay in the hospital. Parkview staff compassionately committed themselves to providing support and making his stay as comfortable as possible, even going above and beyond to make sure he had the Lebanese food he was used to. His team of three therapists did everything possible to speed his recovery.

After nearly eight weeks, John was finally stable enough to go home. But, his journey to healing was not over. He still had one non-weight bearing leg and was unable to maneuver on his own—and his family was unable to assist him in making the trip back to Michigan.

Parkview social worker, Laura Pflueger, knows people heal better at home and she was determined to get John there, no matter what it took.

She worked with vendors to obtain the durable medical equipment he needed at a discount—a wheelchair, a walker, and a bedside commode—and then approached Parkview Foundation to help John cover the costs. Generous donations also made it possible to arrange transportation to Michigan for John and his equipment, including a blanket and pillow for the long bus trip.

Healing often involves more than medical treatment. Healing requires support, care and the extra human touch that reminds us that our health matters, and we matter. Laura and Parkview donors like you provided that extra care when John needed it the most. Your generosity made it possible for him to complete his recovery in the comfort of his own home, nurtured through the priceless support of his family.



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Healing When the Minutes Count

Your generosity saved time and Miranda's life.



When Miranda felt discomfort in her chest on Wednesday afternoon, a heart attack was the last thing on her mind. She didn't have time for anything like that. When the discomfort didn't go away by Friday, she knew she couldn't ignore it any longer. She drove herself to the Parkview Warsaw ER hoping she would be sent home after a quick medical review.

Miranda actually did leave Parkview Warsaw quickly, but not in her own car. Instead, she was flown to Parkview Regional Medical Center by the Parkview Samaritan team. Flying 180 miles per hour, the Samaritan helicopter crew knew that every minute counted. For Miranda, the minutes saved by the speed of the helicopter meant she had a better chance of surviving the heart attack.

The weather was not ideal on this particular Friday, and it hadn't been guaranteed that the helicopter would be able to provide the transport. Visibility was too poor for a visual flight, making an instrument

flight the only safe option. Thanks to the generosity of donors through the Parkview Foundation, the Parkview Samaritan team had the Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) capabilities in place that allowed for Miranda's life-saving transport. Otherwise, she would have needed to travel to Fort Wayne via ambulance, requiring roughly double the travel time, wasting precious minutes needed for her treatment.

Thankfully, the Samaritan pilot working that day had extensive experience, including the use of IFR. In order to safely get Miranda the care she needed as quickly as possible, his skills were put to good use, including the donor-funded flight routes required for IFR take-off and landing.

When the helicopter landed, Miranda was taken immediately into the catheterization lab to treat the blockage that was causing her heart attack. Because of the quick flight from Parkview Warsaw and the skilled hands of every one who provided her care that day, Miranda thankfully made a full recovery and was discharged only two days later.

Your generosity made it possible to get Miranda the care she needed when she needed it. Because of you and the critical minutes you saved her, Miranda counts herself very lucky for the gift of time she has been granted.

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