

Dear,

As women, we play a unique role in safeguarding the health of our loved ones. When someone we care about is injured or sick, chances are, we're the ones who help them seek out the best care.

That's why I want to share my own experience at Scripps Health with you.

Six years ago, I almost lost my Dad, Robert.

Following extremely complicated open heart surgery at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, Dad was in a coma for two months. I watched in awe as the staff worked round the clock, week after week, to stabilize him. During those long, difficult months—and many more months of rehab—I had a chance to see how Scripps Health works from the inside. There's a heart and soul here that I'd never seen anywhere else. Exceptional doctors, compassionate nurses and support staff...the folks who gave him breathing treatments, and drew his blood and bathed him and changed his sheets—all of them were emotionally invested in their patients and tireless in their efforts to make Dad feel better...to help him heal.

At first, I thought, a little cynically, that Dad was getting this exceptional care, because I happened to be on television. I came to realize, after walking the halls of Scripps at all hours of the day and night, that folks who walk through those doors get treated the same way – with a profound sensitivity to patients and their families, because that is the “Scripps way”.

The CCU staff calls my Dad their miracle man. But they are the miracle workers. I've always said that Dad had the will to live, but Scripps showed him the way. The experience was so powerful that I changed careers. I left the television news business and came to work at Scripps.

I suspect, that you might have had your own memorable experience with the wonderful women and men at Scripps. **And I want to tell you about a very special way you can recognize and thank them.**

By making a generous gift in their honor to the Scripps Health Foundation, you can tell a Scripps doctor, nurse, orderly, aide, technician, clerk, receptionist, social worker and/or other employee, just how much you appreciate all they've done for you or a loved one. Your contribution, of any amount, will provide financial support for our highest priorities at Scripps Health, so that we can continue to provide state-of-the-art healthcare to all who need us.

This shows our outstanding Scripps employees, that they made a difference in your life. It inspires them to provide the superb care for which Scripps Health is renowned.

Scripps has been named again as one of the top 5 large health systems in the nation, singled out for our excellence in heart care, cancer care, orthopedics, gastroenterology and GI surgery, gynecology, urology and geriatrics. If you have a serious medical issue, or if you rely on us simply for routine exams, chances are, you've encountered remarkable people at Scripps who've made a difference in your life.

My parents recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary—an anniversary that would not have been possible without the extraordinary medical care my Dad received at Scripps. My family is incredibly grateful, and we gladly make a donation to Scripps every year as a way to say thanks and celebrate his life.



Vivian and Robert (courtesy of Gillespie Photography)

Won't you please join us and make a gift today?

Sincerely,

Susan Taylor
Executive Director, External Affairs

P.S. In addition to your contribution, please fill out the attached card. Tell us why you're making the gift so the Scripps employee or employees you're honoring know just how much you value them!



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