



*Dear Transplant Nurse,*

*How do I begin to write a letter expressing my gratitude for the people who helped give me a second chance at life? My name is Kathleen and at the age of 24 I received a Liver Transplant. Without one, I was given 48 hours to live. Four months in the hospital and Transplant Nurses became a very special part of my life. This letter is written with much love and appreciation.*

*Thank you for talking to me when I was alone and scared at night, for being so kind, gentle, and selfless even when you worked a double shift. Thank you for waking me up with a smile. Thank you for standing by my bed when I needed a hand to hold. For checking on me more times than normal so my parents could take a break. Thank you for your words of encouragement and help when I had to re-learn how to walk again.*

*Nurses are there for everything. So much more than the name Nurse. . . a friend, part of the family, a listener, a shoulder for support, and a shining smile through the hard times.*

*In words alone it is truly so hard to express how much Nurse's and Doctors help in daily miracles.*

*Thank you.*

*Kathleen Killips*