

The background of the page is a light cream color with several butterflies scattered across it. The butterflies are in various colors, including shades of blue, orange, and brown, and are depicted in different poses, some as if in flight. The overall aesthetic is soft and artistic.

*Dear transplant nurse,*

*This note will be easy for me to write because nurses have a very special place in my heart because of the wonderful ones I had at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky. Actually I am still very close to two of my nurses and still visit with several others when I have doctor's visits. I received a heart transplant on January 19, 2007 and there were some days the nurses were my lifesavers! I was in Intensive Care Unit for six weeks so that is where I became the closest to my nurses. I had balloon pumps in my legs at this time, so I pretty much just had to be flat on my back. My family was there when they could be, but they had jobs. My sister mostly gave up her job to stay with me but it was me and the nurses!*

*After the time ran out for the balloon pumps, the LVAD was decided as the next means to keep me alive. After the LVAD was placed inside of me, it began causing blood clots in which I had to go back into surgery. After about three weeks, the doctors decided the LVAD was not for. My organs were shutting down and I was not eating so I was placed back on the top of the list. In three days I had a heart. I had many people praying for me. Besides the nurses taking care of me they were also praying for me. I got my heart on January 19, 2007 and I was home by Valentine's Day. What a Wonderful*

*Heart Day! Nurses are Great People!!*

*Martha A. Prou*