



*Dear transplant nurse,*

*I am a kidney/pancreas transplant recipient who received my gift of life in October 1998. Thank you for taking care of me, being kind, explaining what was going on, teaching me about my meds. You "forced" me up and out of bed when all I wanted to do was lie there. You held my hand all night when I was in pain. You reassured me and my family when we were worried and perplexed.*

*I am almost ten years out and I have a vibrant and healthy life. I work full time, enjoy an active life with friends and family and enthusiastically participate in athletics. I won medals in volleyball and shot put at the 2008 U.S. Transplant Games and I volunteer passionately with Gift of Life Donor Program.*

*Thank you for all you have done for me and all you continue to do. Thanks for listening, for being there, for answering my questions. Thank you for your kind, knowledgeable, unflappable and compassionate care.*

***Susan***

A happy healthy kidney/pancreas recipient