



*Dear Transplant Nurse,*

*My name is Eric and I am a 45 yr old firefighter who received a liver/kidney transplant on July 18, 2006. I am writing this letter to say thank you for the tremendous job that you do. I spent a little over two weeks on the transplant floor at Mass General Hospital in Boston after my surgery and the nurses there were a major part of my recovery. There were a thousand big and little things they did that kept me alive. The smallest gestures are remembered most fondly; a kind word, a joke or laugh about some doctor, a simple touch on my shoulder or arm, meant so much. My favorite nurse even rounded up a little cake with candles on it when I spent my birthday still in the hospital! When you are sick and in pain and cold, something as simple as a warm blanket is worth more than any treasure. For the rest of my life I will be in their debt for the kindness and care they gave me.*

*So, again, I thank you for all that you do for your patients and want you to know that your work is appreciated.*

*With much respect and love,*

*Eric*

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