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Dear Transplant Nurse,

I am writing today to thank-you for all that you do and have done for transplant recipients.

I am a fifteen year survivor of a liver transplant which I received on March 1, 1993 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

I know that I would not be alive today were it not for the gift of life I received that day. I also know that I would not have survived the experience were it not for the patient and loving care provided to me by the transplant nurses that got me through those early post operative days.

I am most grateful for all of you who dedicate your professional careers to caring for those of us who are fortunate enough to receive the gift of life. We are often a cantankerous bunch, experiencing pain and discomfort as we adjust to our medications and to the very fact that we are still alive.

I vividly recall the emotional rollercoaster I was on with the high doses of steroids in my early post transplant days. I was not an ideal patient, nor was I always grateful for the many things all of you did to help me get through the transplant experience.

You helped me through a rejection episode, explained and taught me the medication regimen that I would have to follow once I returned to my home. You provided me with medical, emotional and psychological support at a time when I certainly needed it. I know I would not be alive today were it not for your professionalism and caring support.

I came to learn that it takes a special kind of nurse to work in a transplant service. I admire your commitment and dedication to taking care of us recipients. May God bless you in your work and your service.

Sincerely,

John Harwood

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