

*To a transplant nurse,*

*We likely don't know each other but I do know several of your fellow transplant coordinators to whom I have had such wonderful attachments. Maybe you are interchangeable! You each seem to share special qualities that are evident in the care of your patients. My admiration is the result of a relationship with one coordinator, Paula P., at Temple University Hospital in 2001. Though I received my heart transplant in Philadelphia I lived then and do remain in Florida. My family visited as they could of course, but much of those months while I waited I was quite alone. Paula provided not only the professional care your specialized group is so proficient in but also the added sensitivity to my particular circumstance that played a large part in my remaining mentally strong, confident, unafraid, and focused on our goals. A sense of family being close by was always present. Certainly you have had a patient or two with whom you have shared a particularly special relationship. Please accept this book and my note of endearing thanks as if from that individual. God bless all of you.*

*From a very grateful transplant recipient*