



Dear Friend,

What fills you with gratitude? If you are like me, it's the special people in your life.

For me, that includes the people who have touched my heart – and the people who saved their lives.

I'll never forget those moments!

The first time was the early delivery of our daughter at Ross Memorial Hospital - seven weeks before she was due to be born.

Two years later, just over halfway through my second pregnancy, I knew that something wasn't right. After arriving at the Emergency Department in the middle of the night, the team quickly recognized that I needed specialized care and immediately started the process to transfer me to Toronto. Our son was born the next day... 14 weeks early.

Both of our children survived and thrived, thanks to the Ross. **I will be forever grateful for the exceptional care we received during those trying times.**

The same was true when my parents needed critical care following heart attacks and a broken hip. The amazing care they received at the Ross made all the difference!

In fact, my Dad, Ralph Griffin, lived to be 96 and volunteered up until his 95th year. The Ross was a second home to my Dad. My Mom, Louise Griffin, was also a dedicated hospital volunteer.

They are the reason I'm offering my help. I feel it is an honour to continue one of my Dad's last tasks while volunteering, which was tying ribbons to the paper ornaments that donors return with their gifts to the RMH Foundation, and hanging these hand-written messages on the Christmas trees in the main lobby.

My Dad loved to see how caring people were. It was a comfort to him to read familiar names on the ornaments, and he was touched to see those written in memory of loved ones which always kept my Mom's connection with the hospital in his thoughts.

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There were also messages of thanks to members of the hospital team. Letters like this one:

"I want to start out by saying I don't know how I could possibly thank everyone who participated in saving my life. Thank you so much to the ER doctor, Dr. Robinson, who took the initiative to start me on antibiotics. I'm told you saved my life and I'm sincerely grateful.

To the ER nurses and ICU for being by my side tending to me when I was in a different world not knowing where I was, or who I was. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

To the fourth floor of the Ross, I was truly blessed with fantastic nurses and staff. I often think of you and how much you were there for me every single day for almost 6 weeks. I want to also thank the cleaning staff and food servers who worked tirelessly and always with a smile and kind words. I was truly blessed to have this support around me every day.

It feels so good that in a time with what is going on in the world today, I was shown so much kindness. If it wasn't for all of you doing what you did to save my life, I would not have made it to this day. So thank you from the bottom of my and my family's hearts."

Like so many people, I am grateful to everyone at Ross Memorial Hospital for being there **during our most critical moments.**

I'm also grateful to people like you, who support our hospital with donations that fund the bedside tools and life-saving technology that they need to care for us and our loved ones – equipment and projects that are not covered by government funding.

As the community continues to grow, your support is even more important to help the hospital respond to growing needs, during emergencies and in milestone moments. **Will you please consider making a donation that will give more people reasons to be grateful?**

I hope you'll use the ornament that came with this letter, and tell us why you're filled with gratitude. Attach a picture to the frame, and send it with your donation. I will gladly hang your ornament on the Foundation trees to inspire patients, their families and the entire Ross Team.

My Dad always told me that it didn't matter how much a person was able to give, because everyone's donations add up, and together *we make a difference.* To me, that's what it means when we say **WE ARE THE ROSS.**

On behalf of the RMH Foundation, patients and the team at the Ross, thank you for your generosity and care. Wishing you and your loved ones a very happy holiday,

Rosemary Joudrie
Grateful patient and RMH Foundation volunteer

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