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Dear <name>

I would not be alive today if it weren't for the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center and its healthcare team of doctors, nurses, therapists and others who worked together to save my life!

We are in a war against cancer and thanks to the research and dedication of so many, we are beginning to win battle after battle. My battle began in the fall of 2007 when I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. After surgery and several rounds of chemotherapy, I was told I was once again "cancer-free!"

Our family went on vacation to celebrate. Our vacation came to an abrupt halt when I noticed a lump on my neck. Three hospitals later, we ended up on "home court" at Ruby Memorial Hospital under the leadership of Dr. Michael Craig. I was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

On the first day in our hospital room, a team of strangers entered with clipboards and stethoscopes and began explaining their game plan. My husband Billy, who is an assistant basketball coach to Bob Huggins, did what he does best. He coached our team. He stopped them short and looked each one of them in the eye and said, "If you're not in this to win it, get out!" I thought I was dead when they all left, but they had simply stepped out of the room to put on their WVU shirts and reentered with huge smiles on their faces.
I knew then that things would be all right.

It took many rounds of chemo and a wonderful female donor in Germany, but with everyone working together, I had a successful bone marrow transplant. As I write this letter, I have been cancer free for 5 years. I always credit Dr. Craig and my entire medical team with saving my life. Cancer can be beaten! With the generous support of friends like you, the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center is able to bring cutting-edge technology, treatment, and research directly to the people of West Virginia.

We have the best in cancer care right in our backyard. Join me in supporting our Cancer Center so it can continue to make an impact on the health of our state. **Please consider making a gift today to save someone else's life!**

Wishing you good health and happiness.

Sincerely,



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