

KOOTENAI HEALTH

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Jon Ness, CEO

GREG NORDFELT & THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING

Pausing to give thanks is good for the soul. People all over the world observe celebrations of thanks, including our own Thanksgiving. It feels good to count your blessings—especially when they include a wonderful meal and a good football game.

Often, the most powerful statements of thanks are those that are unexpected. This past summer, several Kootenai Health staff members experienced just such a Thank You.

Greg Nordfelt and his wife, Laura, live in Salt Lake City. Five years ago, they were on a motorcycle tour through our area, when Greg was in a terrible accident. Today, through outstanding medical care and years of hard work, Greg has experienced a miraculous recovery.

This past August, Greg and Laura made a special trip to Kootenai Health to meet their caregivers and say thank you. It was a rare treat for our physicians, nurses, therapists and others to meet their former patient, see Greg's outstanding progress and receive this unexpected thank you.

This Thanksgiving weekend, Greg and Laura will join our team as the spokespeople for the Kootenai Health Foundation's Festival of Trees Gala. They will be sharing their story of gratitude and thanks to raise awareness and philanthropic support for the expansion of our emergency and surgical departments; two areas that were critical to Greg's ultimate recovery.

On behalf of all of us at Kootenai Health, I invite you to join us in support of expanded emergency and surgical services in our community. It is care for which we can all be thankful.

Wishing you good health, Jon Ness



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