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Dear Salutation,

“Steve’s head pain was so bad, he’d pull his hair out,” says Diana Sontag, wife of Steve Sontag. “We used to give him a football to squeeze instead—several times he squeezed so hard he popped it.”

For Steve, a lifelong logger and father to two daughters, the cycle was like clockwork: once the first headache hit, he’d experience excruciating pain for 10-30 minutes, every four hours. This went on for 10 years, along with failing vision and vertigo. Countless doctors and neurologists couldn’t give Steve and Diana an answer—until they found Richard G. Ellenbogen, M.D., FACS, at Harborview Medical Center. One five-hour decompression surgery later, Steve’s Chiari malformation, a structural defect in the cerebellum that can block the flow of fluids in the brain, was fixed. And he’s been pain-free ever since.

Life-changing care. Compassion. Hope. That’s what Harborview Medical Center offers our patients at every age and every stage of life. Perhaps you or someone you love had an experience like Steve’s. And perhaps Harborview helped save your life. **Now you can help others receive the same life-changing care by making a gift to Harborview’s Mission of Caring.**

Every year, Harborview provides superb care to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. That’s our mission of caring. We are also ranked as one of the best hospitals in Washington state by *U.S. News & World Report*. **Help us continue to deliver high-quality, compassionate care to our patients by making a gift to Harborview today.**

“Harborview provided the best medical care that we could have had,” says Diana. “It was impeccable. Every single staff member was accommodating, helpful, gentle and kind. Their first and foremost concern is the patient’s well-being.”

Your support helps us provide excellent care to our families, friends and neighbors. Please take a moment to support Harborview Medical Center and become part of our community.

Sincerely,



Paul Hayes, R.N.
Executive Director
Harborview Medical Center

P.S. My colleagues and I encourage your support of Harborview’s mission of caring. **And if you’d like to take a moment to honor your UW Physician by writing a note, I know they would appreciate it.** Please see the enclosed response card—and please give today! (Or, if you prefer giving online, visit supportuwmedicine.org/honor-physician.) If you’re interested, the charitable IRA rollover program provides an additional giving opportunity for those 70 ½ or older. Please let us know if you would like to learn more.