

“ This was the  
scariest time of my life.  
**I am so glad I came  
to Stevenson.** ”

~ Renee Trivelli



Two days after giving birth to her third son, Renee arrived at the Stevenson Memorial Hospital (SMH) Emergency Department on New Year's Eve 2018, fighting a high fever.

Suspecting an infection, Dr. Irajii ordered blood work and administered intravenous antibiotics. Renee was about to be discharged, when her fever mysteriously spiked again.

“Dr. Irajii made the decision to keep me and I am so grateful. If she had not done this, my story could have been very different. Knowing I had a newborn, we were moved to the OB Department so my husband and I could be together with our baby. Dr. Scheeres immediately started me on several antibiotics, proactively treating me, without even knowing what I had.”

As the New Year began, the results came in. **Renee had invasive Group A strep.** An extremely serious, potentially life-threatening infection.

“By the time I found out what I had, I had started to feel better. Still the anxiety and ‘what ifs’ played in my head. This is where all the nurses in the unit truly helped to make me feel better. They took such great care of me,” recalls Renee. “And there aren’t even words to express my gratitude towards Dr. Scheeres. He took the time to consult with experts and he called to check in on me, even on his time off. He is the reason why I came out of this so well. He treated me for the worst, without knowing I had the worst.”

As a community hospital, we are here 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for you, your family and everyone who needs us. We never know what kind of emergencies our patients will face or when the next life-threatening situation will present itself, but we are here for thousands of patients like Renee every year, *when they need it most*. But right now, we need you.

**Which is why we’re asking you to make a special gift today to help purchase urgently needed equipment, fund new technology and help SMH redevelop for the future.**



“I am so lucky that I came to Stevenson,” continues Renee. “SMH saved my life. It was very clear how well the nurses, doctors and midwives consult and communicate with each other. They really work together to make sure that their priority is the patient and their care.”

Yet, in order to provide our caregivers with the lifesaving equipment they require, we must raise over \$1 Million annually for critical equipment needs. And since the government does not fund annual capital equipment needs, we MUST rely on the continued support of the community that we serve to keep up with the rapidly increasing demand for care in our growing community.

In Renee’s words, **“I cannot thank SMH enough. I am so happy and lucky to continue to be a mom, wife, daughter and sister. I get to watch my boys grow up. I could not be more grateful.”**

Just like we are grateful to you for helping to save this young mother’s life and giving her family the chance to grow up together.

As always, thank you for your generous support. If you are able, please send in whatever you can today, as every dollar is well used and gratefully received, to help improve and save countless lives every year.

With sincere thanks,

Jody Levac, PhD., CHE  
President & CEO  
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P.S. We urgently need your support to fund critical equipment and to grow for the future.  
**Please donate today to help ensure the best care for all. Thank you!**