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Dear Friends,

I write this letter with mixed feelings; joy at bringing to fruition a project that was so close to my husband, Surjit's, heart, and sorrow that he is not here to witness its completion.

As a radiologist at CGH, he was often the bearer of bad news - diagnosing breast cancer after it had already started its deadly march. He was on a perpetual quest for progressively earlier detection modalities.

Just days before his untimely death, he was excitedly discussing this as a CGH Health Foundation project. He had found the next generation Siemens breast volume ultrasound scanner and felt that this was what the department lacked. He was going to inspect it at the annual Radiological Society of North America meeting in Chicago in November.

Through his 26-year career at CGH, he never tired of his journey to make the Diagnostic Imaging Department state of the art in all fields, but breast health had become his niche. Surjit would be so happy to see his vision for CGH as being cutting edge in the area of breast health become reality.

The void that Surjit's premature death has left in the lives of his family, friends, colleagues and community will not be soon or easily filled. Yet the passion he had for his work can be rewarded.

We all know someone who has been affected by this awful, frighteningly common disease. Please join me and the CGH Health Foundation in bringing the Siemens ultrasound scanner to CGH, making early detection a reality in the Sauk Valley area.

I am grateful to CGH and the Foundation for making this commitment in his memory. This can only happen with your generosity. Please consider making a donation in his honor for this truly worthwhile cause.

Sincerely,



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