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Jasper

Krizinne Cross, March 2007
Mother of twin sons, Jasper and Colton

Colten

I want to tell you about 24 year-old Krizinne Cross from the town of Dubois, Wyoming. Krizinne is a survivor of osteogenic sarcoma, a cancer that was treated successfully with chemotherapy. However, the chemo had late effects resulting in Krizinne being diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a disease that enlarges and weakens the heart muscle causing irreparable damage. Heart specialists at a Salt Lake City hospital have determined that **Krizinne's only real chance of survival is a heart transplant**. Modern medicine can save her life, although the corresponding financial challenge is one she can not meet alone.

Krizinne is a fifth generation native of Dubois and grew up being the ranch cook. She has attended community college to explore business administration and has worked in the restaurant and catering business. Now with 1 year old twin boys named Jasper and Colten, Krizinne Cross has so much to live for.

Fortunately, Krizinne was placed on the waiting list for a new heart, yet a transplant date can not be pre-determined. She and her boys must move to Salt Lake City to be present and ready when a heart becomes available. The operation costs an estimated \$500,000. Krizinne's insurance has been maintained since her battle with cancer in 1997. Even still, initial out-of-pocket expenses are estimated at \$250,000. Additional funds will be needed for post-transplant medications for the rest of her life.

To help ease this financial burden, a fundraising campaign in Krizinne's honor has been established with the National Transplant Assistance Fund (NTAF). NTAF is a nonprofit organization that has been assisting the transplant community for over 20 years. All tax-deductible contributions are administered by NTAF for transplant-related expenses only. **Will you please help Krizinne?**

Make checks payable to: NTAF Midwest/West Heart Transplant Fund
(Please note in memo section: **In Honor of Krizinne Cross**)

Please send to: NTAF
150 N. Radnor Chester Rd, Suite F-120
Radnor, PA 19087

For credit card contributions, call 800-642-8399 or visit www.transplantfund.org

Sincerely,

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Your charitable tax deductible contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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