

A message from Frank V. Sacco, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer

Good day,

Some patients' stories are unforgettable – and almost unimaginable. Alex was such a patient. He arrived at Memorial Regional Hospital Trauma Center essentially dead from a gunshot wound.

His extraordinary story is an example of a situation where everything worked, and the ER and OR teams saved a life against tremendous odds.

After his long ordeal was over, Alex's sister wrote to express her gratitude to Memorial for giving her brother back to her.

Thank you,



Dear Mr. Sacco,

Two years ago, life totally changed for my family and friends – but mostly, it changed for my brother, Alex. Someone tried to kill him by shooting him at very close range. What happened after that is nothing short of a miracle.

That's because God made sure that Alex was in the right hands at the right time – especially during those first critical minutes, hours and days. That we are now talking about Alex having survived in terms of years is amazing.

Alex was nearly dead when he arrived at Memorial Regional Hospital, but thanks to Memorial's ER and OR teams, he made it through – even though at one point he was given only a 10 percent chance of surviving, and was in a coma for many days.

I have worked at another hospital for nearly 20 years, and needless to say, I was a little biased when it came to trauma center care. But that is no longer the case. The level of expertise we experienced at Memorial Regional Hospital's Trauma Center and ICU was incomparable. It's rare to find a group of people working together with such a high level of professionalism, combined with an innate sense of humanity. We feel blessed.

Alex is recovered now. On behalf of his family and friends, I'd like to thank everyone for the kindness, patience and loving support that Memorial showed to us and our "miracle man" during a difficult time. You helped make the journey bearable.

Sincerely,

Adriana (Alex's sister)

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