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Dear Friends,

Imagine waking up on the floor and not knowing how you got there. Or having to see paramedics multiple times per week due to passing out from hypoglycemic episodes. That was Roger Sparks's life as a type 1 diabetic for more than 30 years.

But something miraculous happened three years ago. Tired of how diabetes was controlling his life, Roger did some online research and discovered City of Hope's mission to improve life for diabetics through next-generation therapies made possible by The Wanek Family Project for Type 1 Diabetes.

That discovery put Roger on the road to a scientific miracle. He met with Fouad Kandeel, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Islet Cell Transplantation Program at City of Hope, who was conducting the clinical trial that would change Roger's life.

Just over three years ago, Roger underwent the first of two islet cell transplantations. He went from three low blood sugar episodes a week to zero. But his miracle didn't stop there.

Roger underwent a second islet cell transplant in June 2016 to see if he could get off insulin completely. He hasn't needed insulin for three years, and all of his diabetes-related problems have been eliminated.

You read that right. No more insulin and no diabetes-related problems.

As a friend of City of Hope, you help to make groundbreaking advances like islet cell transplantation possible. That's why I am asking for your help today.

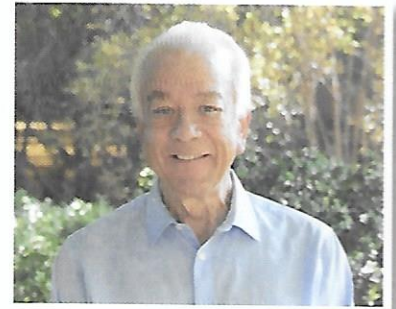
Will you help City of Hope continue its pioneering research in type 1 diabetes by making a gift today?

Our caring partners at Domtar will match every gift, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000! That means your gift of **\$30** becomes **\$60**. Your gift of **\$45** will double to **\$90**. And your **\$60** gift means City of Hope will receive **\$120** to continue its march toward a cure for type 1 diabetes and bring hope to millions around the world.

Thanks to you, patients like Roger are beginning to take back their lives from a disease that affects more than a million people in the United States alone and 422 million worldwide. Roughly 40,000 people are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in this country each year.

But City of Hope isn't standing idly by while this happens. Here are a few more examples of progress we're making on type 1 diabetes with your help:

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"I have never felt more secure, and more cared for, than I have at City of Hope." - Roger Sparks

- In year one of the Wanek Family Project, a six-year initiative to cure type 1 diabetes, 16 compelling projects were successfully launched, and 12 accomplished their first-year milestones.
- Preclinical testing at City of Hope has shown that *mixed chimerism* — the balancing of a donor's immune system and a patient's own immune system — could potentially cure type 1 diabetes and autoimmune diseases like lupus and multiple sclerosis.
- City of Hope researchers are testing a vaccine to re-educate a patient's own immune cells and decrease the inflammatory attack that causes type 1 diabetes. The goal is to prevent beta cell destruction and restore immune regulation that is lost in type 1 diabetes.

And there's so much more. It's an exciting time to be a diabetes researcher at City of Hope, and we are envisioning a day when type 1 diabetes is no longer considered a life-threatening disease. That's why your gift is so critical at this time.

May we count on you to continue your partnership with City of Hope today?

For Roger Sparks, life has improved dramatically. "I'm essentially functioning as a non-diabetic," he says. "I'm not sure I'm supposed to use the word 'cure' ... but I feel like the two islet cell transplants I received at City of Hope cured me of diabetes."

However, there are millions more like him around the world who are still waiting to take their life back from type 1 diabetes. Your gift can help make that happen.

Supporting City of Hope's fight against diabetes is easy. Simply return one of the enclosed coupons with your gift, and our generous partners at Domtar will match every dollar, up to \$100,000.

We're so grateful to have you as a partner in this worthy endeavor to end type 1 diabetes. Please make a gift today and help us save more lives like Roger's.

Sincerely,



Diana Keim
Associate Vice President, Annual Giving

P.S. A life without having to take insulin is a dream that all people with diabetes share. You can help make it a reality when you give to City of Hope. Please make a gift today. If you prefer, you can make your gift securely online at **CityofHope.org/DomtarMatch**.