



Additional Resource Material

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Statement from Dr. Jeffrey Janis

It has been a great honor and privilege to have cared for Dallas in Dallas, Texas, and to have taken part in his journey at Brigham and Women's Hospital. I can say that all of us who have had the opportunity to get to know Dallas are better people and better health care professionals for it.

-Jeffrey E. Janis, MD, Chief of Plastic Surgery, Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas, TX

Statement from Del Peterson, Dallas' Grandfather

Good afternoon. My name is Del Peterson, I am the very proud grandfather of Dallas Wiens.

On behalf of Dallas, his daughter Scarlette, and our entire family, we want to thank God for walking with us through this amazing journey and all of those who have made this day possible for Dallas.

I want to begin by thanking the first responders and the crew that airlifted Dallas to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas Texas on the day of his injury.

We cannot begin to express our gratitude to the team at Parkland Memorial Hospital, in Dallas, who saved Dallas' life. Without their expertise we would not be here today. To the entire Burn Unit and plastic surgery team and Dr. Gary Purdue, who we sadly lost in a tragic injury last Fall, we thank you. We are especially indebted to Dr. Jeff Janis, who not only had the intuition for the procedure that saved Dallas' life after the injury, but who also has remained supportive of Dallas throughout this surgery. We owe you more than words could ever express.

We are very grateful to the entire team at Brigham and Women's Hospital, many of whom you can see here behind me. Dallas told me that Dr. Bo Pomahac inspired confidence from their very first meeting and that he knew he was in the right place here at the Brigham. Our experience over the past several days has certainly confirmed Dallas' instincts.

To Dr. Pomahac – you believed in Dallas from the beginning and you never wavered in your commitment to make this possible for him. We are forever in your debt. Please

know that Dallas intends, once he is able, to become an advocate for facial donations so that you and your team can continue to perform miracles for others like Dallas.

I would also like to thank the Department of Defense for their willingness to fund Dallas' care and the New England Organ Bank for their role in identifying a donor.

Finally, I want to offer my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the family who gave Dallas this most precious gift. You will forever remain in our hearts and prayers and we are grateful for your selflessness.

As the donor family has requested complete anonymity, I would ask that we all please respect their wish for privacy.

To everyone who has had a hand in bringing Dallas to this point, through your prayers and kindness, and to the people who have reached out to Dallas - from the flight attendants, our church family, our personal friends, and those we have met for the first time, you have made this an amazing journey, you have blessed his life, and we thank you!