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## Give the Gift of Health this holiday season

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Mike Ball nearly died.

On Jan. 13, 2019 while at home, his heart stopped. His wife, Pico, and a team of First Responders administered CPR. Still, he arrived at Sparrow Hospital's Emergency Department with no pulse, his brain deprived of precious oxygen.

Mike was rushed into surgery and placed in a medically-induced coma. Doctors initially gave him no more than a five percent chance of survival and predicted significant brain damage.

Today Mike Ball is back. Back home with his wife. Back in business offering fitness coaching. Back to his life. But, he's a very different man.

"I don't have any memories of those early weeks," Mike explained recently. "I know there were a lot of people working on me. They did an incredible job keeping me alive. And they really, really did care about me."

No one likes to think a health crisis could happen to them until it does. A typical day brings more than 300 people to Sparrow Hospital's Level 1 Trauma Center and Emergency Department. When Mike needed us, our incredible team of Sparrow Caregivers and our resources were here for him and his family.

His journey from emergency surgery, through his weeks in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit and Sparrow Specialty Hospital, then through cardiac rehabilitation, as well as cognitive and occupational therapy, was one that neither Mike nor his family will



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ever forget.

You can help make this extraordinary level of care possible. When you [give to Sparrow](#), your generous gifts stay right here in our region, helping to support healing environments, advanced training, state-of-the-art medical equipment and compassionate, skilled Caregivers who will help you and your loved ones when you need it most. Just like we did for Mike Ball.

We're here for you. **For Health. For Care. For Life.**



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