

*To: Patient Folder*

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Mrs. Clarabell ~~V~~resley, Secretary  
Indianapolis Chapter No. 32  
Mended Hearts, Inc.  
Indianapolis 1, Indiana

Dear Clarabell:

I am most interested that you are the Secretary of Mended Hearts in Indianapolis. This is a job which, of course, is the most important one in the organization and I am sure keeps you quite busy. I am delighted that you feel so energetic and full of vigorous life. I hope that sometime soon you will be coming out Denver way and will give me the privilege of dropping in so that we can say "hello". I think, perhaps, you are my most favorite patient because you were the first of what has grown to be a rather large family. You will be interested to know, I am sure, that we recently had a series of 112 patients whom we repaired with open suture of their atrial septal defect without a single death. I would never have predicted that open-heart surgery could become that safe.

With very best regards and carry on the good work.

Very sincerely,

Henry Swan, M. D.  
Professor and Head  
Department of Surgery  
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