

Every day, Regional West touches the lives of people like Dan and his family. The skilled staff, highly trained providers, and advanced technology they rely on are available locally because of people like you, giving generously to support the enhancement and expansion of quality health care services at Regional West.

Giving to the Foundation supports projects to strengthen health care services that are essential to the quality and growth of our local medical community; helping to ensure that the care that we need is available close to home.

Please join your friends and neighbors by investing in the health of our community with your generous gift to the Foundation to support areas of Regional West's greatest need. "I've wanted to do something for some time, on the basis of the outstanding professional medical services received by Ryan, my son."

– Dan Windhorst

With those words and a generous donation to **Regional West Foundation**, Dan Windhorst not only honored his son who recovered from a life threatening illness, he also contributed to the care of others who trust Regional West for health care.

On December 15, 2016, as Ryan Windhorst shoveled snow, he may have been thinking about his two week old son, his toddler son and daughter, his wife, or Christmas, but he probably wasn't thinking how fortunate our community is to have expert physicians, a 24-hour emergency department, and Air Link.

The next day, that's exactly what his life depended on.

Overnight, Ryan developed necrotizing fasciitis, a rare, fast-moving, and often deadly bacterial strep infection, and his family rushed him to Regional West.

"It was so unreal to see all of the hospital staff over Ryan in that ER, not really knowing at the moment what the issue was," said Dan. "To see him in ICU with a ventilator and learning that his organs had virtually shutdown was just so hard for us to witness and understand."

After several weeks of intensive care and hospitalization at Regional West, Ryan was flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver for skin grafting surgery. He recovered well "with lots of therapy," returned to work, golf, and most important – to enjoying his family.

"I just can't express enough gratitude for everyone throughout the hospital involved with Ryan during this ordeal!"

Dan said he has experienced a lot with Regional West over the years, including extensive care for his wife Carol, who died of cancer. His gift to **Regional West Foundation** is also a loving tribute in memory of Carol.

| Name: Address: | Yes: I would like to contribute to the Regional West Foundation. |
|---|--|
| Phone: | Please send the completed form with payment to: |
| Email: | |
| I have enclosed my gift in amount of \$ made payable to Regional West Foundation. | Regional West |
| May we add you to our mailing list to receive publications and event invitations?Yes No | Two West 42nd Street Scottsbluff, NE 69361 308.630.2244 |
| Do you wish to remain anonymous? Yes No | |
| Thank you for your continued generosity. | Or, donate online at RegionalWestFoundation.org |