

March 2009

Dear Mr. Sumner and Staff,

My husband, Wayne Lincoln, was the fortunate recipient of the trip to Bermuda. I feel compelled to write this letter because our story needs to be shared. You see, I am convinced that it wasn't a coincidence that Wayne won the trip. Somebody was looking out for my family.

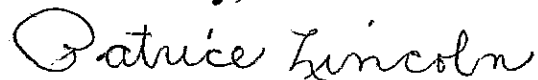
Now let me elaborate. I did not accompany Wayne on the trip, but our daughter Kelly did. She is the story. You see, in June 2006 Kelly was involved in a horrific accident. She was immediately taken to HUP where she remained in a coma for a long time. Her diagnosis was severe brain trauma. Eventually, Kelly was transferred to Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation hospital. She was an inpatient in the Brain Trauma Unit for five months. After six months, we were able to bring our daughter home. She arrived home with a feeding tube and still in diapers. Wayne and I were her caretakers. Subsequently, she attended the day treatment program at Bryn Mawr on a daily basis from 9:00 to 3:00 for the next eight months.

Through all of this, Kelly has been a trooper. She is a fighter and never gives up. Since the accident was caused by flagrant and blatant negligence, she has a right to be angry and bitter. But for the most part, she manages to maintain a pleasant and positive demeanor. She is an inspiration and my hero.

The Bermuda trip provided a much needed vacation and respite for Kelly and her dad. She absolutely loved the time she spent with the dolphins.

So from the Lincoln family, thank you making all of this possible. As you can see from the photo, she looks great. However, she has a lot of speech, balance, and cognitive issues. Right now, we are trying to ascertain what career paths might be feasible options for her. Again, thank you and please keep Kelly in your prayers as she continues to travel on this long and bumpy road to recovery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrice Lincoln". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Patrice Lincoln