Danielle died three months before her daughter would graduate high school.

One minute she was getting ready to celebrate her birthday with her family. The next, at the age of just 42, every breath was a struggle.

The moments that followed are a blur.

The urgency in the voices of Emergency Room doctors in Clearlake as they intubated Danielle to keep her breathing. The medical flight that rushed her to Adventist Health St. Helena when there was a not a single second to lose.

Then, nothing...

Influenza A was settled deep in Danielle’s lungs, binding to the delicate surface. As it has for so many, pneumonia roared in beside the virus like a hurricane. One by one her vital functions began to shut down. She fell into a coma. Her heart stopped.

Danielle has no memory of the next three weeks.

Imagine someone you love. Fighting for their life. You’d want a medical team that refused to give up. Even after weeks. Even against the odds.

This is the kind of inspired healthcare you make possible at Adventist Health St. Helena. The kind of care that can only continue for people like Danielle—and for all the people you love—with your renewed support today.

Your generous gift of $25, $50 or $100 to St. Helena Hospital Foundation is critical this holiday. Last year, help like yours saved Danielle...

Physician Gregory Rosellini, MD, is part of the Intensive Care Unit team you support here. The team that battled for weeks to save Danielle.
He describes when at last they got her heart to beat again. “When we got Danielle back, it was the first time I was hopeful she would make it.”

The donation you send today will support innovation, expertise, and dedicated care right here at home. Your generosity positions Adventist Health St. Helena to grow and expand. Your commitment brings health and life into the most complex medical situations.

Even when hope seems lost.

After twelve terrifying weeks with a deadly virus... after being pulled back from the brink by a medical team you support... Danielle saw her daughter walk at graduation. Pomp and Circumstance never sounded so sweet!

She would not have been there without you. And she will never forget the gift you gave. “Seeing my daughter graduate was one of the best days of my life.”

Medical care is not always life-or-death. We all know that. But the gifts of life and health are so precious—miracles, really—and well worth the very best care we can give to this amazing community.

Of that day they got Danielle’s heart to beat again at last, Dr. Rosellini reflected, “Our ICU does things that others don’t know how to do. Our nurses are cross-trained so well, they can do everything. We do miracles at this hospital.” What an honor it is to thank you for your past donations... for supporting this amazing facility and the heroic staff here. St. Helena Hospital Foundation could not support this healing work without you!

Please help this inspired healthcare to continue by donating to St. Helena Hospital Foundation today. Together we’ll make miracles happen.