

Dear Friend of Barrow,

In September of 2001, my life changed forever. In a way, I was reborn. I was a different person and all of the things I valued or thought that were important was all reshaped. The catalyst for this change was a brain aneurysm that eventually led to a massive stroke. At the time, options were limited and the survival rate for the procedure I was to undergo was slim. However, a brilliant neurosurgeon was able to pull off the nearly impossible in a nine-hour surgery that gave me a second chance at life.

Since then, I have had time to reflect on and evaluate what is important to me. My family, friends, and career, being an inspiration and giving back, all are central to who I am today. I try to live each day to the fullest, appreciating all the relationships I've built and the opportunities that lay before me.

To that end, I've recently joined the Board of Trustees of the Barrow Neurological Institute. I've done so not just because Barrow is the leading neuroscience institute in the world, pushing the boundaries of research into treatments for the most debilitating brain and spine diseases that affect millions of people each and every day, but also, because the President and CEO of Barrow Neurological Institute is Michael T. Lawton, MD, the same brilliant neurosurgeon who saved my life all those years ago. He gave me the opportunity to begin a new journey in my life and under his leadership, Barrow is embarking on an exciting new journey of their own. That is why I am reaching out.

I ask you to join me in supporting Barrow Neurological Institute and the grand opening of their new global headquarters, the Neuroplex. The Neuroplex is an innovative, state-of-the-art facility that will be home to some of the most talented and lauded neurologists and neurosurgeons in the world.

On Friday, March 4, 2022, Barrow will host Neuro Night at their brand-new Neuroplex. This intimate and engaging event will highlight the incredible innovation that takes place at Barrow every day. Neuro Night will feature an exciting VIP reception with a private gathering where Michael T. Lawton, MD, and I will be able to meet with event donors and signature corporate sponsors. What's more, everyone will be able to experience a dramatic "Barrow blue-carpet" arrival complete with "paparazzi," dynamic, neurological-themed experiential installations, roaming entertainment, a full-service bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a signature auction hosted by me, the Neuro Night honoree. Proceeds from Neuro Night will be directed towards Barrow to fund ground-breaking research, advanced training and education that supports life-saving patient care, just like the surgery that gave me a second chance at life.

Please join me in supporting Barrow with your attendance at Neuro Night.  
Trust me, you won't want to miss it!



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