

She prayed for an answer. And then it came to her.

"I decided I wanted to give it to a family who could benefit from it, who could enjoy it as much as David and I enjoyed it those six years," she said. "That's what I decided I wanted to do. It was all a very sudden thing, but it's also the right thing."

Marlene Perling's cousin Dorlyn Desens of International Falls heard of her intentions. He immediately thought of the nice family living across the street. How many times had he seen the father lift the little boy from his wheelchair to place him in the car? How much longer could his back tolerate the strain?

Desens spotted Terry Wood outside raking. He went over to chat.

DREAM BECOMES REAL

At the lake house two weeks ago, Desens put Terry and Tammy Wood on the phone with his cousin.

"How do you like the van?" Marlene Perling asked.

"The rest of the conversation is a blur to me," Terry Wood said Tuesday. He agreed it went something like this:

The Woods: "Very nice. But we're not sure we can buy it right now. We're still paying off our car and we just built a house." Their house in town is 2½ years old.

Perling: "Well then, just take it."

The Woods: "What do you mean? Just take the van?"

Perling: "Take it all. The house. The boat. The van. It's all free. I just want you to enjoy it. Please enjoy it."

"That's when our knees started shaking and Tammy started crying," Terry Wood said. "It's a pretty incredible story, huh? We're still floating."

"I know it's meant to be," Perling said. "God orchestrated this whole thing. He took me step by step. He led me to this family. I asked God to show me a family who could benefit from this. They are all that and more."

ZACHARY CAN'T WAIT

Zachary is most eager to go fishing with his grandfather. The boy has had 29 surgeries since birth. His spinal cord never developed completely. He suffers respiratory problems, and his vocal cords are paralyzed.

His prognosis is good, however; he's expected to lead a full life, his parents said.

But he has never been able to get in a boat with his grandfather until now.

On Monday, Marlene Perling and the Woods gathered in a lawyer's office in International Falls. She signed over the deed. She even decided to leave behind all the leather and woodsy moose-motif furniture. It was too much of a hassle to take back to Arizona, she said; the moving company wanted more than \$7,000.

The Woods plan to move into their new home after school lets out. With the place fully furnished, they plan to keep only their most cherished possessions.

The rest?

"Give it away," Tammy Wood said.●

OREGON HEALTH CARE HERO

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to salute Oregonian Laure Trickel, a coronary care nurse who is saving the lives of Oregon teenagers through her Heart Ready High Schools Program. Because Laure saw an impending health threat in Oregon schools, envisioned a solution and made every effort to implement her plan, she is an Oregon "Health Care Hero."

Over the past few years, Oregonians have seen several cardiac events threaten the lives of Oregon teenagers during school-sponsored sporting events. Tragically, we have lost more than one treasured teen to an unexpected heart attack on the fields and courts of our schools.

Two cardiac events occurred at Ashland High School in Laure Trickel's southern Oregon hometown. As a coronary care nurse, Laure quickly saw that high schools were simply not prepared to deal with these events, where time is of the essence and technology is critical to saving lives. In Laure's own words, "Although a high school could be as prepared as possible for a person with a weapon of violence, it was not at all prepared for the number one killer of Americans: heart disease and sudden cardiac arrest."

In response, Laure created the Heart Ready High Schools Program, asking local hospitals to donate automated external defibrillators, AED, to local high schools. She also asked the hospitals to provide training for staff and students, to ensure that the school would be ready to effectively respond in an emergency should another tragedy occur.

After the first donation by Ashland Community Hospital, several other Oregon hospitals caught Laure's vision and decided to help. I join the parents of students at Ashland, Crater, Eagle Point, Butte Falls, and Prospect high schools in thanking Ashland Community Hospital, Rogue Valley Medical Center, the Children's Miracle Network, Providence, and Medford Medical Center for making these lifesaving devices and training available. Since that time, Merle West Medical Center and the KMSB Foundation have provided similar equipment and skill training to three Klamath Falls high schools, spreading this critical program further across our State.

These are difficult financial times for both schools and hospitals, and I applaud these community hospitals for responding to this great need with their time and limited funds. Many Oregon students will owe their lives to the quick emergency treatment they will receive should a cardiac event occur.

Most of all, I am grateful to Laure Trickel for finding a way to prevent needless death among Oregon students. Making a difference requires vision, great courage, a willingness to ask for help, and following through. Laure has done all these things, and we owe her our great thanks. She is a true "Health Care Hero" for Oregon.●

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVLON RUN/WALK FOR WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the efforts of the more than 60,000 men, women, and children who will be meeting at the

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum at Exposition Park on Saturday, May 10, 2003, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Revlon Run/Walk and to raise funds for women's cancers. The largest 5K event in the Nation, the Revlon Run/Walk, presented by the Entertainment Industry Foundation, EFT, and cochaired by Ellen Barkin, Ronald O. Perelman and Lilly Tartikoff, will raise funds to target research that will contribute to the development of important new therapies, such as Herceptin to treat breast cancer, the first in the wave of new targeted cancer treatments.

To date, the Revlon Run/Walk in Los Angeles and New York has raised more than \$27 million since its beginning in Los Angeles a decade ago. The Revlon Run/Walk in Los Angeles will be hosted by Debra Messing and Billy Crystal along with Revlon spokespersons Karen Duffy and Jaime King.

The Los Angeles area beneficiaries for 2003 include: The Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program, National Women's Cancer Research Alliance (NWCRA), the Wellness Community, WIN Against Breast Cancer, USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center and Hospital Ovarian & Breast Cancer Program, the UCLA Digital Mammography Program, T.H.E., The Help Everyone, Clinic, Inc., Los Angeles Breast Cancer Alliance, John Wayne Cancer Institute, Breast Cancer Research Program, Women of Color Breast Cancer Survivors Support Program, Team Survivor Los Angeles, Providence Saint Joseph Foundation, Art of Healing—Women's Health, Gilda Radner Ovarian and Breast Cancer Detection Program at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. (ACPHCV), and weSpark.

Today, 1 in 27 American women will die of breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, every 2.5 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, every 13 minutes a woman dies of breast cancer, and this year alone 54,100 women will lose their lives to breast and ovarian cancer. For a woman with ovarian cancer today, there is still no method of early detection.

In my home State of California, the American Cancer Society is predicting this year that more than 26,300 women will be diagnosed with breast and other women cancers and more than 5,500 grandmothers, mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, cousins, and friends will die.

The facts serve as a reminder that there is still so much to be done. Mammograms are a proven method of early detection. Unfortunately a large portion of women are not getting screened.

The continuing fight requires many levels of commitment and I want to congratulate all those individuals involved in this worthwhile event as they celebrate both Mother's Day and the 10-year anniversary of the Revlon Run/Walk. The thousands running in Los

Angeles represent the millions hoping for an end to cancer. I, too, look forward to a day without cancer.●

ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

● Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, today, I rise to speak about the importance of the Asian-Pacific American experience in my home State of Minnesota. During this month, designated Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, we are proud to celebrate the many ways in which the culture of our Asian citizens enriches us as Minnesotans and Americans.

In Minnesota, we celebrate with a myriad of public events throughout the State, including a Burmese cultural exhibition, dance workshops, musical performances, picnics, banquets, flea markets, and festivals. For this year's theme, the Minnesota State Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans has chosen "Experience Freedom," a thread which runs through the stories of so many Asian Americans.

Each generation of immigrants to this country has pursued a freedom not known in their homelands. Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino settlers sought out Minnesota in the late 19th century, hoping to find broad economic opportunities. This same goal motivated Korean and other Asian immigrants who left their countries to find unparalleled opportunities.

More recently, Asians have come to Minnesota seeking refuge from war. Tibetans, Hmong, Vietnamese, and Cambodians escaped from a country ravaged by war and unrest. Here, they found freedom, peace, and new avenues for fulfillment, and achievement. I am especially proud to say that with the recent election of State Representative Cy Thao, Minnesota now has two legislators of Hmong descent.

Thanks to the infusion of Asian-Pacific influences, Minnesota virtually vibrates with new ideas, philosophies, and folkways. Individually and collectively, Asian-Pacific citizens have made significant contributions to their communities, accomplishments which the State Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans recognizes by conferring four Annual Leadership Awards. I am pleased to join in honoring these outstanding individuals and organizations.

Jasmine Dinh has received the Professional Leadership and Community Service Award. Her commitment to public service has led her to cofound Asian Women United of Minnesota, a nonprofit organization devoted to ending violence against Asian women; to create a battered women's shelter in Minneapolis, one of the few focused on Asian American women; to serve on the staff of United States Representative Bill Luther; and to become deeply involved in the Vietnamese Community of Minnesota Organization. Recently, she opened her own business, Jasmine's Coffee and Tea House, while still working full time as a senior pro-

gram manager for the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco.

Jodie Tanaka has been recognized with the Professional Leadership Award. The owner, CEO, and president of Tanaka Advertising, a business established by her father, Jodie developed the company into the highly successful entity it is today. Among her clients, she counts other notable Minnesota companies, including U.S. Bank, the Minnesota Twins, Northwest Airlines, and Davanni's. Her hard work and excellence in her field have consistently been acknowledged by awards from Minnesota's community of business professionals.

Dragon Festival Planning Committee is this year's Community Service Award winner. The committee has built on the original Asian American Festival, a lively and popular annual event since 1997. The newly named Dragon Festival has grown to include not only a parade but also a dragon boat race.

Kogen Taiko, players of traditional Japanese drums, have received this year's award for community service and excellence in the arts. The oldest taiko drumming ensemble in Minnesota, Kogen Taiko, preserves Japanese drumming techniques while also incorporating multiple American rhythms. The result is original Japanese-American music. The group's performances have movingly affirmed the sometimes painful Japanese experience in America. In addition, they are extensively involved in the community, having used proceeds from a benefit concert to help pay medical bills for a deceased friend and to establish an education fund for his children.

In addition to these distinguished Leadership Award winners, I would like to pay tribute to two other remarkable people.

Adeel Lari served as president of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans from 1994 to 2002. Thanks to his leadership, the council has become a driving force in educating the larger community about matters important to Asians in Minnesota. Adeel has also spent the past 28 years at the Minnesota Department of Transportation. His dedication to his community is exemplary.

Minneapolis Police Officer Duy Ngo has served the department honorably for over 5 years and was recently assigned to the Minnesota Gang Strike Force, helping to curb gang membership and violence in our State. In addition, he is a sergeant in the Army Reserves. Officer Ngo is recovering well from injuries received when he was shot while working undercover. Like all Minnesotans, I deeply appreciate the bravery of officers like Duy Ngo who put their lives on the line every day to protect their fellow citizens.

It is entirely appropriate for us to designate a special time to pay tribute to the many contributions of Americans of Asian or Pacific ancestry. At the same time, I wish to emphasize the

value of the many talents, strengths, and unique qualities they consistently bring to us. We welcome and cherish their distinctive gifts and customs.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 100. An act to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

H.R. 766. An act to provide for a National Nanotechnology Research and Development Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 866. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works.

H.R. 1609. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the "Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 53. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 96. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398), as amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, the Speaker reappoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Security Review Commission: Mr. Stephen D. Bryen of Maryland for a term to expire December 31, 2005; Ms. June Teufel Dryer of Florida for a term to expire December 31, 2003; Mr. Larry Wortzel of Virginia for a term to expire December 31, 2004.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398), the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the