

## Media Advisory

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# Miracle on Medical Drive

*Patient wakes up from year-long coma in time for 55<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

**BACKGROUND:** While Susie Robinson, a patient at University Hospital (UH) was in a deep sleep, her husband Bernard spent time praying and hoping for her recovery. He said he truly believed his wife would one day wake up from the coma she had slipped into in the summer of 2005. On Saturday, he'll be celebrating being right!

The Robinson's lengthy ordeal started last year, when Susie was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Her prognosis was grim but thanks to the couple's faith in God and confidence in the late Dr. Roman Hlatky (the University Hospital neurosurgeon who was killed by a drunk driver in September) she's living proof that miracles do happen. "I was supposed to die but I'm still here," said Susie Robinson.

Bernard Robinson credits Dr. Hlatky for giving them hope. "He always believed that my wife would wake up. He would visit her every single week. We think the world of him and always will," said Bernard. "We wouldn't be celebrating today if it weren't for his dedication to all patients. We wish he could still be with us."

Just days before Thanksgiving, the Robinson's have reason to give thanks. On Saturday, November 18, they will be celebrating Susie's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, giving thanks to the hospital staff and paying special tribute to the memory of Dr. Hlatky. The Robinson family will host this special party on the hospital unit where Susie remains hospitalized.

<b>WHO:</b>	Patient Susie Robinson, friends, family and medical staff.
<b>WHAT:</b>	A Birthday Party to Remember! Plus, a Thanksgiving Celebration and Special Tribute to the late Dr. Roman Hlatky.
<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>Saturday, November 18, 2006, 11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	University Hospital, 4502 Medical Drive (Meet in Corporate Communications Office, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, across from Gift Shop)