

# “Aunt Peg Would be Proud”

## Award Acceptance Remarks

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I grew up in Versailles, on my grandparents' dairy farm.

Every day after school, I helped my Aunt Peg carry milk to the calves.

It wasn't easy!

But I'd do anything for Aunt Peg, who was physically disabled and used leg braces to walk.

She always asked about my day – how school went, and what my friends were up to.

But then one day I came home – and Aunt Peg wasn't there.

Because of an aneurysm, she had suffered a stroke.

And a week later she passed away – at age 35.

**Today, that story would have ended differently because of the work we're doing at Mound Laser.**

**Today we're making tiny medical devices that doctors use to treat aneurysms – before they can cause a stroke, and take a life.**

Dozens of medical innovations at Mound Laser already have saved **more than 250,000 lives this year** – perhaps one of them the Aunt Peg in your own family.

**And so tonight, I say THANK YOU for this award.**

- **To the Dayton Business Journal:** Thank you for recognizing manufacturing innovation.
- **To our 63 employees:** Thank you for your genius that drives us forward.
- **To Eric Graham and his wife, Margie:** Thank you for believing in us to invest in us.
- **To Dr. Larry Dosser:** Thank you for risking it all to start Mound Laser in 1995.
- **And to my wife, Kara:** Thank you for being my rock on our journey to improve people's lives with laser processing technology.

Thank you. ◀