



Why WeMAR C.A.R.E.S.?

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Think for a minute of what you have accomplished in the last 48 hours... the appointments, calls, meetings, errands, and family responsibilities.

Now, imagine yourself at your office working feverishly to prepare documents to open a new escrow, following up on a closing scheduled for tomorrow, and uploading pictures for a new listing – only a few of the many things on your list for the day. Then you wake up and find yourself on the floor of your office with two paramedics kneeling over you. As you try to make sense of their questions, your mind feels fuzzy and their voices seem a thousand miles away.

This is a story similar to my experience in April of 2008. After being taken by ambulance to the E.R. and undergoing a battery of tests, the E.R. doctor came into the room. She announced that they would be admitting me to the cardiac floor for further monitoring and evaluation because they were unable to determine the cause of my collapse.

Something was not adding up. Usually a person faints while standing or rising from a sitting position. In my case, I fell from a seated position. Over the next few days, the doctors concluded that I may have an arrhythmia, an irregular heartbeat. The doctor in charge of my case recommended an EP study to locate and re-create the arrhythmia followed by a cardiac ablation.

The hospital that I was in did not have the necessary equipment to perform the EP study and the hospital where I could have it performed would not accept the transfer because I had insufficient insurance.



When the broker in my office reported to the agents that I needed money for a LifeVest defibrillator, they took a collection and opened an account in my name to help me. One agent came to the hospital room and presented me with an envelope containing the gift. This was an hour and a half after the broker had been to visit me. This truly demonstrated the generosity of the people that we work with in the real estate industry, both agents and affiliates.



My doctor assisted me with getting the necessary insurance from the state of Arizona so I could undergo the procedure. After a successful surgery and long recovery, I now work full time and

enjoy the time God has allowed me to remain with my family.

WeMAR C.A.R.E.S. is the avenue through which we can help fellow REALTORS® and affiliates in their time of need. I am proud to be a member of WeMAR!