



Dr. Burt,

Words cannot express my gratitude to you and your team for giving me the gift of remission. Four years ago, I was told by my rheumatologist that there was nothing more he could do for me except prescribe medications that would hopefully ease my pain and other symptoms. I left his office that day, got in my car, and cried. I cried not because of what was happening to me physically or would happen, but how this would affect my family, especially my children. Would I be able to be the Mom that they deserved? Would I live long enough to see them graduate high school, go to college, marry, and have children?

These thoughts weighed heavy on me for a few days, and then I got mad. Really mad. I realized this was not me or who I taught my children to be; I was going to fight this for my kids. They deserved to have a Mom who fought as hard as she could. But I could not do it alone. So I started researching online and came across a video of a woman who had lupus and had HSCT, which led me to you. I chose you to help me fight this disease and I would chose you a million times over. Three years ago this July we won the fight! Thank you for giving me the chance to fight and for giving my children the Mom they deserve.

God Bless,  
Kathy