

YPO-WPO Network and M2Mx Offers an Abundance of Advice, Caring and Emotional Support

Active Rocky Mountain WPOer Jim Warner was no stranger to the power of the YPO-WPO network. As a Forum facilitator, speaker resource and longtime member, he knew first hand how beneficial “O” member support could be. But even this experienced, well-connected member was duly impressed by the amount and quality of help and support received from YPO-WPO — and in particular the M2Mx service — after the unthinkable happened — his 22-year-old daughter was hit by a car.

Last September while away at college in Boston, Jim’s youngest daughter was hit by a drunk driver while she was walking near campus. Suffering from multiple fractures and some serious physical lower body injuries (for which she was immediately treated for and has now thankfully recovered); it wasn’t until two weeks after the accident, while still in the hospital, that doctors determined that she also suffered a mild traumatic brain injury (MTBI).

Three months later, Jim needed some counsel so turned to M2Mx for the first time ever in his “O” career. M2Mx or Member Exchange is a FREE service available to 25,000 YPO, WPO, CEO and EO members and alumni, offering confidential business, personal and health/medical advice, recommendations and solutions with just a simple inquiry.

Jim wasn’t looking for medical referrals per se; instead, he was seeking advice on how best to balance his daughter’s recovery and rehabilitation with more semblance of a ‘normal’ life. After spending so many weeks in hospitals, rehab and at home, she was anxious to return to school and continue with her senior year. But because the MTBI had affected some cognitive functions — her facility to concentrate and multi-focusing/multi-tasking abilities were hampered by the accident. “Happily her IQ is intact and a full recovery is anticipated; however, doctors are unsure and uncertain as to the timeframe — months or years — on how rapidly they will fully return,” explains Jim.

“I contacted M2Mx to get shared experiences in supporting and accelerating healing of MTBI in young people,” Jim explained. “I wanted to better understand the tradeoffs — independent college living with a reduced workload vs. staying at home in a healing cocoon with an associated loss of independence. I also wanted to put out an All-Points Bulletin trying to gather any and all information in dealing with this type of situation. With the varying schools of thought on brain trauma, I was looking for some guidance.”

Within 48 hours of contacting M2Mx, Jim received several responses, three of which were extremely helpful and resulted in him securing a world-class brain physician as well as other specialists that were extremely helpful in his daughter’s care.

“Our story is moving to a positive ending,” says Jim. “The support of the whole ‘O’ network has been very extremely gratifying. YPO feels like a family. In addition to M2Mx’s excellent support, I also want to thank many Boston members, like Dick Simon, David Barlow, Kelly Kelly, David Seligman and Dan Ginsburg, as well as other YPOers — Joe Tatelbaum and Mark Ashley — for their help immediately after the accident.”

“We couldn’t be more thankful for all the assistance offered. Most important to us was the immediacy of the responses as well as the depth of ‘caringness’. It makes me tearful just thinking about it, and we’re filled with gratitude.”

Currently, Jim’s daughter is back at school taking a reduced class load and continuing her rehab. The happy news is she will be able to walk with her graduation class in May, and now “has a re-grip on her life.”

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