

This week, I celebrate my 75th birthday, as well as the 20th anniversary of The Larry King Cardiac Foundation. What hits me most about this event is how fortunate I am. I have a great family. I have a great career and very good friends.

Our Foundation has helped more people than ever before, which is very humbling to me. I started the Foundation 20 years ago hoping I could help a few people a year, now we are close to helping save a life a day, or as we like to say -- save a heart a day.

During these challenging economic times, it's tough on all of us. Many people will find it harder to support those outside of their family, because of their situation. This is where my Foundation steps in: by helping those who believe they have no other alternative. There is nothing more satisfying than to call these people to tell them there is hope -- we are going to help them.

Someone recently asked me what I wanted for my birthday. I want to make more phone calls to save more lives. I am asking you to join me in saving lives. Every dollar we raise helps save a life.

Until the end of the year, you can go to our website -- [lkcf.org](http://lkcf.org) -- donate any amount you like, and send me a special message. I will read all of them and when I make that call to someone who needs critical care, I can do it with your thoughts and prayers.

The uninsured fall into a big, black hole in our nation's healthcare system. Heart disease doesn't discriminate -- rich and poor are vulnerable.

I hope our new leadership in the White House can help us figure out a way to solve this problem. Until then, our Foundation will do our best to help. Many Americans face a dilemma no one should be forced to confront -- doing without health care or going broke if something unexpected occurs. Healthcare should be a right, not a privilege.

In the next few weeks, you will meet a few patients on my show that we have helped. You'll be interested in their stories. It could happen to any of us. Remember that these lives were saved because of your support of our Foundation.

Thanks a million,

Larry King



**Larry and Foundation patient Maria Ortiz**