

**STATEMENT FROM THE STEWART FAMILY REGARDING AMY STEWART**

May 20, 2009

“Since our daughter, Amy, is being discharged from Erie County Medical Center today, we would like to take this opportunity to provide this statement to express our thanks and update everyone on her condition.

As a pedestrian struck by a hit-and-run vehicle on March 7, 2009, Amy sustained critical injuries including head trauma. However, she is recovering remarkably well.

When we learned that ECMC had the best trauma survival rate in New York State, we knew Amy was in the right place.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to: the four witnesses who called 9-1-1 immediately after the accident; the paramedics and other first responders who arrived swiftly on the scene and took immediate and necessary action; ECMC’s emergency and trauma teams—the doctors, nurses, support staff for their expertise and exceptional care; and the ECMC pastoral care and social work staff for their compassion and support.

We wish to convey our thanks to our family and friends who have consistently ‘been there’ for us. We also would like to thank the Sweet Home School District for their support, and especially the Glendale Elementary School (our daughter’s employer) administration and staff, and certainly the children for their wonderful cards and pictures.

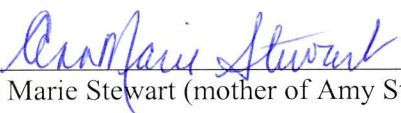
Our daughter is a Daemen College graduate and was attending graduate school at the University at Buffalo. Both college communities have been extremely supportive and we are grateful to them as well.

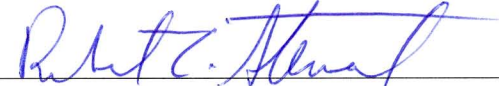
We are so thankful to all of our neighbors on Grand Island, and to the Grand Island Schools\* for their expressions of concern and support.

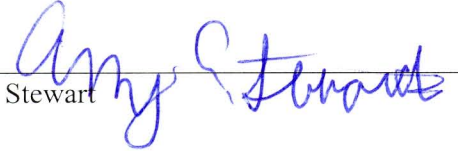
We are proud, but humbled by the kindness and generosity of so many in these difficult economic times. Even a Face Book support group was established where over 1,000 messages of hope and healing have been conveyed to Amy.

In addition to the swift response and medical expertise, we strongly believe that the prayers, church services, and all of the love and support helped Amy to make a miraculous recovery. Amy still has quite a long way to go on her road to recovery as a rehabilitation outpatient at ECMC, but all her life Amy has had an inner strength. She has always been strong, determined, and one who perseveres through adversity. Amy is a survivor. With the continued support of her family, friends, and so many in the community, and with our life-sustaining love and prayers and God’s blessings, we anticipate the very best outcome for Amy.

Again, we wish to convey our sincere appreciation and thanks to all who have touched our lives and embraced our Amy during this ordeal.”

  
Ann Marie Stewart (mother of Amy Stewart)

  
Robert C. Stewart (father of Amy Stewart)

  
Amy E. Stewart

\* Employer of Ann Marie Stewart