As Kankakee Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Bruno went about his duties, he never imagined the life saved that day would be his own.

Jeff heard and felt a strange "pop" in his chest and was rushed to the Riverside Emergency Department. Quickly diagnosing the life-threatening tear in Jeff's aorta, University of Chicago Medicine cardiothoracic surgeons, in partnership with Riverside's Heart & Vascular team, performed the complex surgical intervention—saving Jeff's life.

The Riverside Heart & Vascular Institute and UChicago Medicine's cardiothoracic surgeons bring the very best care to the heart of the community—when and where you need them most.

Does being part of the community matter? It mattered to Jeff Bruno.