

There is a saying that we must give our children “roots and wings” – roots to nurture them and serve as a foundation for their lives, and wings to help them grow and explore. For those roots to be strong, the health of parents must be strong. Seven years ago, Shawn Wigley made the commitment to provide strong roots to her child by quitting smoking, and now another child in Mississippi will be able to stretch her wings.

Because of this commitment, I am proud to appoint Shawn Wigley as Mississippi’s torchbearer for the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.