



In 1998 I was diagnosed with CML, a form of leukemia. I was 28 years old; no previous medical issues; active, and on top of the world.

After my diagnosis and initial treatments at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center, my cancer moved into an accelerated phase. It was determined that I would need a bone-marrow transplant to survive.

I was fortunate to find an unrelated donor through the National Bone Marrow Registry. April of 1999 I flew out to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, WA, to begin my treatments leading up to my bone marrow transplant.

I spent four months in Seattle with my caretakers by my side with frequent visits from my father, brothers & other family members and friends. It was during this time in Seattle that I began to focus on what I could do to help others affected by cancer & created our slogan, HOPE CURES. These thoughts motivated me in my own personal battle - they empowered me and allowed me to focus on my future. I also realized that I had/have unique opportunities and resources through my family's business (Woodloch Resort) that could greatly enhance my fundraising efforts & results.

The Hope Cures effort hosts several grassroots, fundraising events that benefit cancer research and patient care. With the support of family, friends, local businesses and many others, we donated over \$1.2 million to fight cancer! I thank all of you who have supported our cause over the years. We have been and will continue to create HOPE for others!

For information on this year's HC5K or any of our other events, go to **BKHOPECURES.ORG**.

The funds we raise benefit cancer research and patient care in several worthy facilities and foundations such as:

- An Endowed Leukemia Research Fund at the Penn State Hershey MC **pennstatehershey.org**
- The Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center - **fredhutch.org**
- The Livestrong Foundation **livestrong.org**
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society **leukemia.org**
- Susan G Komen for the Cure **komen.org**
- For Pete's Sake; Cancer Respite **takeabreakfromcancer.org**

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