



KICKING-CANCER CHRONICLE

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SUPPORTING THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT, OR ARE FIGHTING,
THE GOOD FIGHT AGAINST CANCER.

EDUCATING PEOPLE ON HOW TO LIVE AN ANTI-CANCER
LIFESTYLE BY EATING REAL FOOD AND DOING SOME MOVEMENT.

“DONE AS HER ANCESTORS DID”

DR. SHERRIE DAVIS (OCTOBER HONOREE)

Dr Sherrie Davis is a 4 time cancer survivor. At the age of 26 she developed a tumor on one of her fallopian tubes and had to have surgery to remove it. At the age of 36 she had uterus and ovarian cancer, which was removed with surgery again. At the age of 46 she was diagnosed with vaginal cell cancer, then at 59 years old she developed breast and squamous cell carcinoma cancer. All were treated through naturopathic methods, no chemo no radiation. This was done just the natural way of her ancestors; plant based and healing the body through diet and naturopathic treatments.

She is a descendant of the Mexican, Aztec, Apache, and Navajo people. Sherrie has 3 albums and 3 singles which have won the Global Music Awards, NASFA Music Awards, One World Music Award, Akademia Music Award and inducted into the Akademia Music Hall of Fame for her song “The Missing Ones”. Sherrie’s musical and creative journey started as a violinist, theater arts & creative arts in her junior high and high school years in Pendleton, Oregon. In later years she learned the Native American Flute, drums and guitar. Dr Davis went on to study and obtain her doctorate in Naturopathic medicine & Cognitive Behavioral health therapy and applied Kinesiology at Pacific University.



life-changing opportunity—she asked if I would consider stepping into the role of Executive Director, as both she and Sharon were planning to retire. Without hesitation, I said yes! I was deeply honored to lead Breast Friends and to continue their mission of ensuring that no one faces breast cancer alone. Since stepping into the role, our programs have expanded to meet the growing needs of our community. On average, we support over 400 women each year by providing financial assistance, peer-to-peer mentoring, both virtual and in-person support groups, workshops, walking groups, retreats, and a dedicated Latina Outreach program. My commitment to this work is centered on empowering women through every step of their breast cancer journey, from diagnosis to recovery, with community outreach, education, and compassionate care.

Reflecting on my journey, I see how my diagnosis not only transformed my life but also ignited a purpose within me that I live out each day. I am devoted to creating a community where no one faces breast cancer in isolation—a place where women can find strength, hope, and a network of support to guide them through even the most challenging moments. It is my privilege to carry forward the legacy of Breast Friends, to be a beacon of hope for others, and to make a lasting impact in the lives of those affected by breast cancer.

“HONORED TO LEAD...”

BY ALLISON HANCOCK (NOVEMBER HONOREE)



My name is Allison Hancock, and I am a 19-year breast cancer survivor. My journey began when I was diagnosed at the age of 40, during a time when my world revolved around raising my two young boys. That diagnosis was a life-changing moment, bringing with it a flood of unknowns and fears I never anticipated. Throughout that challenging time, I was fortunate to have the unwavering support of my husband, Mark, along with many friends and family members, for which I am forever grateful. Despite their incredible support, I often felt the absence of others who had walked the same path. Navigating the uncertainties of treatment and dealing with the emotional toll of the diagnosis left me feeling isolated, and I yearned to connect with women who truly understood the challenges I was facing.

In 2012, my family and I moved from Connecticut to Oregon, for my husband’s job. While my boys were in school, I looked for ways to give back to the community through volunteer work. When I discovered that Breast Friends of Oregon was just five minutes from my house, I decided to stop by. From the moment I walked through the doors, I was greeted with a warm hug and a smile from Sharon Henifin, co-founder of Breast Friends. I was immediately inspired by the incredible work they were doing to support women diagnosed with breast cancer. I knew then that I had found a place where I could make a meaningful difference, and I eagerly joined as a volunteer, driven by the desire to offer the compassion and support I had needed during my own cancer journey.

In 2017, Becky Olson, another co-founder, approached me with a

“TOOK SYLIS UNDER THEIR WING”

ROXANNE CASTILLO (Q. 1 2024 GOTEAM)

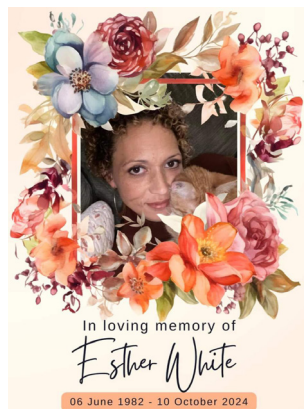
“What Kickin` Cancer means to me!” Kickin cancer has been an, amazing influence in my son’s life. When Baron Robison, Executive Director for Kickin` Cancer, asked me what they could do to help me, I replied, “Please help my son with support”. I was going to have some scans soon to see if the cancer was back. During this time, it is always stressful. I asked Baron if he could do something with my son Sylis to distract him. Baron said, “Yes, of course”. So the day before the scans, Baron sent over Gracie’s ice cream truck for Sylis! It still brings me to tears talking about it. Being a mother of a young child and going through the cancer journey is so hard. Especially alone. I asked Baron if he could help... I needed help because I was not myself after treatment. I was very tired and needed to rest a lot.



That being said, I had a lot of guilt in not being there to do the day-to-day things with my son. Baron and his team got together and took Sylis under their wing. Baron got the Salem Capitols involved with Sylis and that boosted up his confidence so much. The players shared such kind words that Sylis will never forget. Sylis also got to decorate a cake at Michelle Ashley’s Custom Cakes along with Riki Marie, from Pathways Youth program. Kickin Cancer became an amazing support in our lives. They are the cancer community that I can ask for with resources and help when I need it. We met people that have made such a difference. They all have made a huge impact in Sylis’s life, giving him confidence and support that he needs through this difficult journey. I cannot thank Kickin Cancer enough for all the support they have given us with our community.

“I AM NOT DONE ...”

ESTHER WHITE (Q. 3 2024 GOTEAM)



I grew up and raised my children within the Stayton community where I was a dance and soccer mom. I worked in many aspects of care services in the Salem area and taught for many years at Early Head Start. I also worked in several Day Spas, as a cosmetologist after attending beauty school. I worked for Berkshire Hathaway, as a Realtor. My favorite jobs include caring for others. NOW, I'm the one who needs care!! Since my diagnosis, on September 22, 2023, I have been working to heal from stage 4 Metastatic, BRCA2 positive, inflammatory breast cancer. This has

proven to be a very aggressive form of cancer and has doubled in size after 12 weeks of chemo infusions.

As of August 2024, the cancer has metastasized to my bones, liver and lungs. As a result, I now have compound fractures in several areas of my spine and constant pain throughout my back, shoulders, and ribs. I have not been able to get up or walk, without assistance for weeks, let alone feed or clothe myself. The doctors are recommending hospice and I am not ready to give up. I have three beautiful adult children who I love and want to cheer on and be here for. I know that my purpose here, is not complete. I AM NOT DONE LIVING.

(Editor's note: Esther fought valiantly and passed peacefully on Oct 10, 2024 after her friends from the Stayton, OR area came together on Sept 14, 2024 to do an amazing Tea Party GoTeam... event. Thank you Jennifer Clevenger for your leadership in the efforts to support Esther)

“MY LIVING ANGELS”

RACHELLE STEVENS (Q. 3 2024 GOTEAM)

The scariest words nobody ever want s to hear, “we’re sorry, but it’s cancer...” What does Kickin’ Cancer mean to me – love, hope, friendship. My mind doesn’t even know where to begin. What do I do? What are my options? Am I going to survive? Where can I find out the answers to all of this?

Kickin’ Cancer came into my life a few years ago when I decided to play in one of their golf tournaments., as a player – never thinking a tournament would be for me in the near future. Well, it happened and I want to give thanks to the most amazing group of people. They made the whole concept of having cancer, what to do, how to get through this, and all the other thoughts I had easier. They gave me answers, resources and put me in touch with people who could answer everything. They understood my fears. They made me feel so comfortable, especially since I am somebody who doesn’t like to share my STUFF with people. They care about each and every one of us. They TRULY DO!

On top of all of that they had this amazing charity golf tournament that was JUST for me, then gave me the money that was brought in. What’s so awesome is you can use it for whatever you need. You are not told how the money can be spent. For me that is to cover expenses when I am home after the surgery with no income, but there will still be bills to pay. These people are so incredibly precious to me, I can’t imagine them not in my life; now or in the future. This is like no other organization I’ve ever heard of , in all the good ways.



I can’t wait for the day when my t-shirt says, “SURVIVOR” instead of GIRL WITH CANCER. I have made lifelong connections with these beautiful people. I can’t even think about going through all of this without having the Kickin’ Cancer community on my side to fight with me. Baron Robison is the biggest cheerleader I’ve got and I’m so grateful for everything he has done for me. You are my living angels without a doubt.

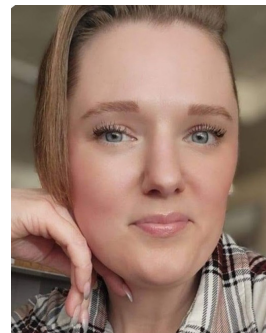
“STRENGTH IN HOPE”

ASHLIE MORRIS
(KICKIN’ CANCER STAFF – SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR)

I’ve been asked to answer this one simple question. What does Kickin’ Cancer mean to me? I was presented with Kickin’ Cancer at a time in my life I truly needed Hope. I don’t have cancer but I did have, and do have family that has been touched by cancer. I started to see a community of people that were bringing Hope to others, as I was searching for my own Hope. It truly inspired me knowing the gifts I was blessed with could bring Hope to so many others.

Let alone a community of individuals that is bringing strength to others within their own strengths. Reminding others, “You are not alone”. I’m not one to give empty words, anyone can write a paragraph but, does it truly bring light to your soul, your core of who you are as a human being. In reality this isn’t about me. This about what Kickin’ Cancer truly is. Everyone that has joined Kickin’ Cancer has a beautiful story as to why there is Hope in the community you surround yourself with. They are the light house bringing you to that safe place we all need, touched by cancer or not.

With every person who is guided to Kickin’ Cancer, it becomes bigger than us. We all have the same thing in mind, Strength in Hope.



QUARTERLY THOUGHT - “HOPE IS NOT A PLAN”

BY BARON ROBINSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Just over 6 years ago Kickin’Cancer was formed with the objective to “Help ONE more”. After the first GoTeam..., efforts were made to organize an event to support Marissa Castro from Newberg, OR who was going through her own battle with breast cancer. Over that time Kickin’ Cancer has been able to step into communities throughout this area from Lebanon to Corvallis on the south to Tigard on the north. We have gone from Dallas on the west, to Stayton on the east, and everything in between. I am proud to say we have been able to gift back to our community over \$100,000.

At the end of 2023 the vision to expand our reach became a reality as Mikki Meisner became their first Kickin’ Cancer GUIDE for the Vancouver WA chapter – “Community”. Through her leadership two more families have been assisted outside of the reach we knew we could do. We are excited to see where the next GUIDES will come from. Will it be Bend, OR? Or could it be Medford, OR? Possibly Rapid City, SD or Manhattan, NY? Only time will tell. What we do know is that “HOPE is not a plan”, which is why Kickin’ Cancer not only has GoTeams... but now we are developing out GoTo Teams... It is becoming critical to have collaborative resource partners in each of our communities that we can trust sending people to. I am making it my personal mission to adopt this new phrase, “HOPE is not a plan, so Kickin’ Cancer was formed to provide you hope WITH a plan.” Watch as 2025 brings so much more, as we continue our mission of HELPING ONE MORE.