



EMILY

My name is Emily and I am a 24-year-old college student. I attend Alverno College with a major in Nursing and minor in Spanish.

When I was 9 years old, I was experiencing flu-like symptoms for about three weeks. My mom took me to the Pediatrician whom said it was just the flu. On February 12th, 2005, I was diagnosed with Leukemia (ALL). I was admitted to the Oncology unit and surgery was planned for the next morning to get a port placed then chemotherapy

treatment began. I was on treatment for two and a half years, finishing on 9/11/07.

Fast forward to August 2018, I wasn't always feeling well. I was having symptoms of Anemia, although relapse was always in the back of my mind. I finally went to urgent care on 9/9/2018. They did a series of tests and sent me to the ER for a blood transfusion. They started an IV, took more blood for tests, and started the blood transfusion. Once they were informed of my history, they contacted Children's Hospital. The Oncology team at CHW told the ER physician to send me home after the blood transfusion and follow up with them the next morning.

On 9/10/18, I had a bone marrow aspiration and lumbar puncture, which would confirm a relapse. I should've been celebrating 11 years cancer free. But here I was, waiting to be told I officially relapsed.

After everything was set in motion, I went to school and requested a medical leave of absence, I went to work (I was a Nursing Assistant) to inform my manager and requested a leave of absence. I received three rounds of immunotherapy and three rounds of chemotherapy. I began the last phase in August 2019 and will continue this phase until September 2020. I returned to school in Fall 2019 and am set to graduate with my BSN in May 2021. **My dream is to work on the HOT unit.**

EVERY 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer.

More than 40,000 children are in cancer treatment each year. **More than 15,000** children & teens will be diagnosed this year in the U.S.

95% of kids who win the fight against cancer, have other life-long side effects from the cancer and/or its treatment.

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