

SuperSibs! TEENS Speak Out About ...



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BLOOD CANCERS

Leukemia * Lymphoma * Mycosis Fungoides * hairy cell leukemia * Myelodysplastic Syndromes * Myeloid Leukemia * Myelodysplastic/Myeloproliferative Diseases * Chronic Myeloproliferative Disorders * Multiple Myeloma/Plasma Cell Neoplasm * Myelodysplastic Syndromes * Myelodysplastic/Myeloproliferative Diseases

"The day before my brother's fourth birthday, he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia or "ALL." The doctors, nurses and Child Life Specialists were so nice in helping my family and I understand the disease. We watched an animated film about blood cells, good cells versus bad ones. My brother's leukemia and chemotherapy treatment inspired me to help others. Love truly is the best medicine." - Courtney G.

"Overnight my world changed. I was now concerned only with getting in and getting the best grades I could. After my brother was diagnosed with Leukemia I had new focus on helping both my brother and my parents deal with this tragedy. What was once important suddenly changed and a whole new set of priorities were established. Making sure my brother was getting the proper treatments was now on the top of my list and everything else was pushed aside. It is amazing how your world can change completely." - Derek P.

"I was a sophomore when my little brother was diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia. It was hard to go through school and concentrate on homework and assignments knowing that my little brother was in sick in the hospital. Being a teenager is hard enough, but being a teenager whose brother had cancer made life and me stressed out and exhausted. I believe that the most important thing for a Siblings to do is learn to be flexible. Adjust to your new situation, because fighting the change will only make things harder on everyone in your family." - Sarah E.

FAMILY

Brother
Journey
SISTER
CHAT

"During the time my sister had lymphoma, daily life and medical tests mixed the members together in my head. I became quite accustomed to talks of blood cell counts and medication doses. I was accustomed to irregularity and adapted quickly to another family member pushed me up after school as I had to stay overnight as a friend's house. Being able to accept the cancer and the changes as brought to everyone in my family helped me become more accepting of differences today." - Kelly B.

"There always been very interested in what was going on with my brother and learning about Leukemia. My parents not only would talk to me about his condition, they would come to my school with me and talk to my classmates about it. I felt that my classmates should know what Leukemia was and what my brother was going through." - Rebecca P.

"My journey as a SuperSib started my freshman year of high school. My mom pushed me up from practice and told me my wrong. There was no way a sister in high school could have cancer, especially my sister. When we got home I did not feel the computer and started looking up everything I could about Hodgkin's Lymphoma on the internet. We would fight the together as a family." - Samantha S.

"I was a sophomore year-old when I had just completed my junior year of high school when my brother was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. How could this happen to MY BROTHER? He had just graduated from college and had a work ahead of him. I had always thought of my older brother as someone who could never get sick. But then again, I had never thought of cancer being someone I have to work." - Sarah P.

"My sister was diagnosed with ALL when I was in junior high, a cancer that was slowly attacking her blood stream. It was hard growing for me, since I was already attending her blood stream. It was hard growing for me, since I was already attending her blood stream. I knew we would get her treatment and live time with our sister and our parents when they were staying at the hospital. We have a very close family and being separated from my sister and my mom and dad was tough on us. We missed how things were before cancer, but realized as hard as cancer is, it only brings you closer to the ones you love." - Alex T.

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