



Megan Williams: A story of hope

We all fear life-threatening diseases for which there are still no cures and hope that such diseases will never touch us or our loved ones. Perhaps that is why we all share a collective responsibility to ensure that research towards finding these cures can continue.

But for the thousands of people who are actually living with terminal or debilitating diseases right now – enduring ordeals that most of us can't even imagine – hope is more than a wishful attitude, it is the only weapon they have in a race against time.

Megan Williams is such a person. A three-time cancer survivor, Megan first watched her mother battle the disease for eight years before finally succumbing to it when Megan was just 12 years old. At 17, she was diagnosed with brain cancer, undergoing surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and regular checkups thereafter until finally being given the all clear in the fifth year. Then, almost a year ago, Megan was diagnosed with breast cancer and once again fought it with chemotherapy and a double mastectomy. All of this at the tender age of 22.

Today, Megan is in remission, and despite all she has been through she is a vivacious young woman who is full of life. She is also full of hope thanks to people like you, whose ongoing support fuels the research that will one day – hopefully in her lifetime – result in cures for cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

The painstaking search for cures remains in the hands of scientists and doctors, but we can *all* contribute in a meaningful way to this life-saving effort. You can do your bit simply by supporting The Millennium Foundation, whose very purpose is to ensure that the search for cures can go on, and keep hope alive in people like Megan Williams.

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