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When the phone rang at 7am and my breast doctor was on the line, I knew something was wrong and soon found out I have cancer.

I was a stunned 32-year-old with a 16-month-old baby when in a flash I had to change my life plans and jump immediately into treatment. Fast forward 16 months - 6 rounds of chemotherapy, 7 surgeries including a mastectomy, reconstruction and a hysterectomy with oophorectomy, 33 rounds of radiation, medications I cannot count - and today I am thrilled to shout that I have **no evidence of disease!**

A big silver lining during this cancer nightmare was learning about Cancer Free Generation. It was serendipitous. I happened to pick up a CFG Speaker Series flier during my last chemotherapy session and decided to brave the germs and fight my exhaustion to attend a lecture on skin cancer. My ulterior motive was clear - for my husband to attend this lecture with me because, as a good wife, I wanted him to hear first hand the importance of wearing sunscreen. I was determined that my home would never again be plagued with the Big Nasty C. I showed up and was immediately at ease, finding that CFG was full of likeminded individuals with the shared goal of ensuring that future generations would be cancer free. I immediately volunteered my time and was stuffing envelopes for CFG's upcoming Celebrity Poker and Casino Night. I remember

being at the event and being blown away by its gravitas. I have two vivid memories of this evening. First, Jason Alexander's reaction when I thanked him for his support and shared with him that I was in the middle of radiation treatment. This uber-celebrity was genuinely in awe - of me! Then a founding CFG member came up to me and exclaimed, "Suzanne, you are going to chair this event one year." I thought she was crazy, but now I believe she must have had a crystal ball as she saw my potential and determination. She was right!

This young leadership division of Tower has in just six years raised well over one million dollars. CFG has blossomed into a thriving organization, and this year my goal is to take it to the next level with

fun events to increase membership, unique fundraising opportunities and of course making our marquee Poker and Casino Night even more amazing. CFG is a silver lining in my life and it can be the same to so many others whether they personally have experienced cancer or been touched through a family member or friend. We are a group of young influencers excited to expand our reach, raise more money for research and provide a path to philanthropy for the next generation.

I am asking for your support. Please introduce me to more young, like-minded people in our community, who want to be involved in CFG to raise money for a great cause while having fun and networking with great people. I look forward to a fabulous 2019!

*Suzanne Asherson
President, Cancer Free Generation*

"Not only did I go on to co-chair the event for many years, but I became Vice President and I am now beyond proud to be the new President of Cancer Free Generation."