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United in the fight against breast cancer



Breast Cancer is a Man's Disease, Too

Bret Miller is an athletic 25-year-old male, but he is not your typical young man. You see, Bret is a breast cancer survivor.

When Bret was 17, he noticed a lump in his right breast. His physician told him it was a calcium build-up and to just keep an eye on it. Seven years later at age 24, Bret had a new full-time job with health benefits and decided to have the lump checked out. Though it was thought to be benign, Bret met with a surgeon to have the mass removed. The next day, the surgeon called and told him it was breast cancer.

Bret's treatment included a mastectomy to remove his right breast, followed by four rounds of IV chemotherapy. Now in remission, Bret is taking Tamoxifen, a drug developed by a Society-funded researcher, which helps block cancer cell growth in the breast to combat any recurrence of the disease.

Since his original diagnosis, Bret and his mom Peggy have been advocates of breast cancer awareness for both men and women. They also fight back against the disease by participating in events such as the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event in Kansas City. Last year, Bret's team consisted of more than 30 people, some of them raising more than \$1,000 each. Bret, Peggy, and their team are excited to watch the Making Strides event continue to grow each year as they continue their efforts to spread the word of early detection.

If you are interested in participating in or volunteering for Kansas City's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event, please visit makingstrideskansascity.org or contact Christy Dore at 816-218-7279.