

What Cancer Survivors Give

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Good afternoon and Thank you for inviting me to this annual gathering of your society,"Kanseria". I am very honored to be invited to share with all of you today your celebration of life

Many of you in your society have cancer. Cancer is a terrible disease and the treatments to cure or control cancers are equally terrible, if not worse. The sufferings that you have endured are devastating. It is difficult or impossible for us who do not have cancer to imagine what you have suffered.

One would think that you would want to forget, close your mind and walk away. So, why do you NOT? You all have chosen to remember and to share your experiences in the hope that what you have learnt from your suffering will help reduce the suffering of others. You hope that by giving and working together, that maybe one child, one mother or one friend, will not suffer as you did.

Like you, all over the world, many cancer survivors have chosen to do the same. Many devote hundreds of hours to their cancer societies. When in remission, may give their time counseling new cancer patients on their journey. Many organizations depend on cancer patients for manpower, money and morale. Together, cancer survivors contribute their time and energy to reduce suffering. They help control suffering of others, and in some way also help themselves in that they feel that they have finally some control of their own suffering.

Those of you who have been touched by this terrible disease are vital in the fight to prevent, treat and cure cancer. You give heart to our efforts and remind us there is much more that need to done. In return, I hope that you find laughter, comfort and love. I also pray that All here today and that the Many who will follow will remember your bravery and will to live and in turn help survivors live their lives to the fullest.

Thank you.