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Dear Friend,

*“I don’t have time for cancer;”* I thought to myself as I was driving home after one of my radiation treatments.

*“There is so much left that I want to do, got a life to live, so much more to give...I just don’t have time for you.”* The words kept coming to me and I wrote them all down. They became lyrics to the song I entitled **“No Time For You”**.

I was 31 years old and had my whole life in front of me. As a teacher, wife and mother of three young children I had so much to live for and so much left to accomplish. I wasn’t going to let cancer control my life.

After being diagnosed with breast cancer, my children and their future was all I could think about. I didn’t want them to see me sick or upset. And I didn’t want to let cancer rob them of their carefree childhood. So I put on a brave face and made a promise to my family. I said:

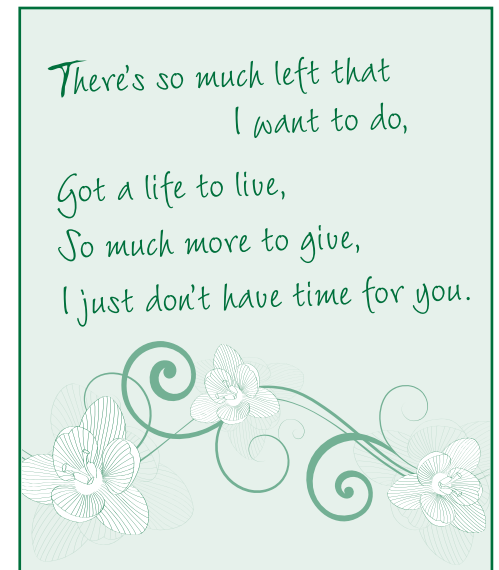
***“I am not going to give up.”***

In one short year, with the support of my husband and loved ones, I underwent three surgeries, six rounds of chemotherapy and 30 radiation treatments. It was during this time that I met a wonderful group of people who I credit with not only saving my life, but helping me to stay positive – my Cancer Care team at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre.

I first came to the Cancer Centre in March of 2011 for my radiation treatment. From the moment I walked in, I knew I was in a place like no other. The level of care my family and I received was beyond anything we could have ever expected. Staff were so accommodating, compassionate and kind. And one in particular – Wayne, a porter with a huge heart and a great bedside manner, helped make the experience less scary for my kids by bringing them popsicles every time he saw us. On our way to the Cancer Centre my kids would ask: ***“Mom, are we going to see the Popsicle Man today?”***

That’s why when asked if I would share my story with you I didn’t think twice about it. I wanted you to know how much of a difference you help to make in the lives of cancer patients like me and ask you to please join me in supporting Cancer Care in Newfoundland and Labrador by making a *special holiday gift* today.

Your gift will help to ensure that thousands of patients in our province who come to our Cancer Centres every year continue to have access to specialized care and treatment they need to get better.



**Cancer can touch anyone, anytime, anywhere.**

When I was diagnosed so many people were in disbelief. I was young and lived a healthy lifestyle.

I was lucky that through it all, I was surrounded by the most amazing circle of people who cared for me and filled me with hope – my family and friends, the staff at the Cancer Centre and caring donors like you who help to ensure high-quality cancer care is available here at home in our province.



Dana and her family

Please find it in your heart to send the most generous gift you can today. Your support will help the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation purchase state-of-the-art radiation equipment and other life-saving technology. And you will also help to fund patient support programs and services for people in Newfoundland and Labrador who are undergoing difficult cancer treatment.

**Cancer Care deserves our support.**

From ensuring patients have access to the latest treatment options and most advanced cancer technology to offering warm, personalized care – the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre is there for every patient and their family in every way possible.

Once again, *thank you*. Your support is the reason I am here today ...the reason I'm enjoying the holidays with my children.

But there are so many others who are undergoing cancer treatment right now and they desperately need our help. For them and hundreds of others who will face the diagnosis of cancer, please send your special holiday gift to the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation right away.

Yours truly,

Dana Cox

P.S. ***“No Time For You”*** is a song I wrote about my journey with cancer and I'm happy to be able to share the lyrics with you in the enclosed insert. I hope they serve as a reminder that cancer can touch any one of us and that your gift will make a *life-changing* difference for thousands of cancer patients and their families in Newfoundland and Labrador.

To listen to Dana's inspirational song “No Time for You” go to [www.cancercarefoundation.nl.ca](http://www.cancercarefoundation.nl.ca)