



Together we Live with Cancer!



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"CANCER CANNOT"

As many of you know, I love stories! Tuesday night at the start of TLC we lit a candle (in honor of the thousands of years folks have sat around a fire telling stories) as we do at each TLC Survivorship Session. Well, here is yet another story (actually, the continuation of a story) that I think is worth sharing!

Back in the summer of 2013 I came across a wonderful song titled "Cancer Cannot" by the Phillip Fox Band. I reached out to Phillip because I was curious to know the story behind the song. He explained that he wrote the song following his wife's thyroid cancer diagnosis. Earlier this week I received this update from Phillip:

Hey Tim, I remember talking to you a while ago. Not exactly sure how long ago it was so here's a few updates:

My wife, Melissa, is now an oncology nurse at the OSU James Cancer Hospital where she brings her experience as a thyroid cancer survivor and an RN into the healing process for others diagnosed with head and neck cancers.

Melissa and I had our first son, Falcon in 2013. I've attached a picture here you're welcome to share.

Also, we re-recorded the song ("Cancer Cannot") on the last Phillip Fox Band record "Heartland", complete with string arrangements. Much better musically, in my opinion, haha! Not sure if you have that version so I attached an mp3 for you.

Thank you for sharing the song and encouraging others!

Phillip

With Phillip's permission, I have imbedded the song for your listening pleasure on the Matthews Oncology Associates / Sheboygan Cancer & Blood Specialists website home.

The Phillip Fox Band's "Heartland" album including the song "Cancer Cannot" can be found on iTunes or Amazon.

Cancer Cannot by The Phillip Fox Band (from Heartland, 2014)

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Lyrics:

Was a word we never thought we'd own
'Cause we were young and much too strong to go
But a Monday morning scan confirmed
We were scared, we prepared for the worst
It seemed to overshadow us
Plans we'd made blew away like dust
But the lesson most surprising to
Learn for me as I watched you is all that cancer cannot do
It cannot...

Silence courage, shatter hope, corrode your faith it cannot cripple love
Steal eternal life, destroy your peace, kill your friendships or erase your memories
And we've seen after all... cancer cannot

I wish there was more that I could do
To sit and wait seems to make it worse
But when I see the strength that you display
The only thing that radiates is love and that's another thing that cancer cannot take
It cannot...

Silence courage, shatter hope, corrode your faith it cannot cripple love
Steal eternal life, destroy your peace, kill your friendships or erase your memories
And we've seen after all... cancer cannot

We've been fearing for too long, way too long
Can't you see that you are strong
This could be the end, but we could be beginning
And we've seen after all... cancer is so small

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