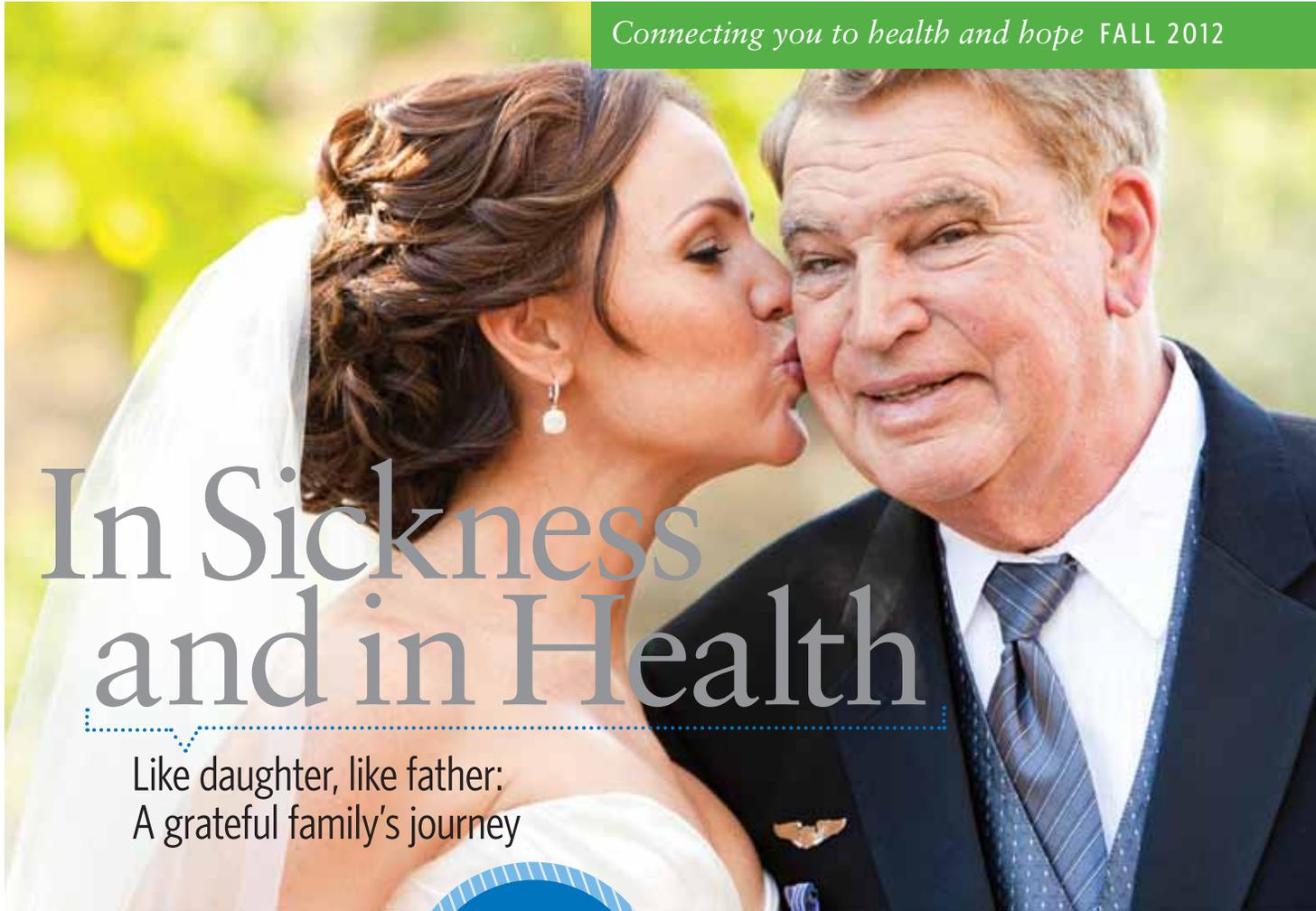


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In Sickness and in Health

Like daughter, like father:
A grateful family's journey

Contending with cancer drew the Baums closer together

Lauren Baum Nollette expected she might face breast cancer some day; both her mother and grandmother battled the disease. She just didn't expect to receive a diagnosis at 28 years old.

And when her father, Jim Baum, brought her to City of Hope for treatment, he never thought he would return as a patient only a few years later. Contending with cancer drew the Baums closer together as they cared for each other. With help from City of Hope's medical team, Lauren and Jim beat cancer. In gratitude, Jim made a significant

gift to support City of Hope's quest to end cancer and other serious diseases.

How It Began

Lauren's cancer journey started in 2008 after she found a lump in her breast. Tests revealed a small tumor, so her mother, Judy Baum, called a surgeon and family friend for advice. His suggestion: "I highly recommend City of Hope."

Under the care of surgeon I. Benjamin Paz, M.D., and oncologist Joanne Mortimer, M.D., Lauren had a lumpectomy continued on next page

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and five months of chemotherapy before she ultimately opted for a double mastectomy to give her the best chance of warding off future tumors. Her reconstructive surgery was performed by plastic surgeon James Andersen, M.D.

Experiencing cancer as a 20-something was particularly difficult for Lauren. “You no longer care about anything except making it through,” Lauren says. “It’s like walking a tightrope. You don’t look down. You don’t look back. You just keep one foot in front of the other and keep going until you reach the other side.”

She found comfort by leaning on her family. “My father and my older brother were great and supportive,” Lauren says. “My mother knew exactly what I was going through. I had my support group right at home.”

She also was buoyed by the personal care of her physicians, whom she called “absolutely wonderful.” They were there for Lauren, from checking on her late at night after surgery to taking her phone calls at home after hours.

Two Strikes in One Family

Three years after her diagnosis, with a clean bill of health and a wedding to plan, everything seemed to be great. But Lauren and her family experienced another setback. Her father noticed a marble-sized bump in his chest. It was an extremely rare sarcoma in his pectoral muscle. Thankfully, he knew where to go.

“Seeing Lauren’s treatment, I was impressed. I knew I was in good hands at City of Hope,” says Jim, an engineer and entrepreneur residing in Crystal Bay, Nev.

He went through surgery with J. Dominic Femino, M.D., followed by radiotherapy. Just as Jim looked after Lauren



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Cancer couldn’t stand in the way of a joyful wedding. From left, James Baum (Lauren Baum Nollette’s brother), Judy Baum, Jason Nollette, Lauren Baum Nollette and Jim Baum.

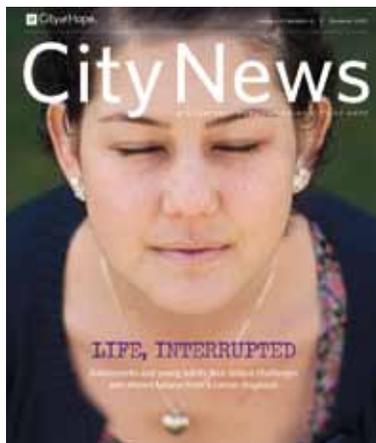
during her battle with cancer, she teamed with her mom to care for him while he recovered.

After completing his treatment, Jim made a substantial donation to City of Hope in recognition of the doctors, nurses and other health-care professionals who contributed to his and Lauren’s recovery. “I enjoyed such great care because somebody else helped. Now it’s my turn,” says Jim.

He still comes to City of Hope every three months for imaging, and the results so far have been clear of cancer. Lauren is now married and lives with her husband in Alexandria, Va., where she works in marketing at a medical device company. She remains cancer-free and is deeply thankful to the team of caregivers at City of Hope.

“The amount of gratitude we have for City of Hope and our doctors is immense,” she says. “We feel that we owe City of Hope our lives.”

Goodbye to *Restore*, Hello to Our Other Publications



After three years of publication, *Restore* is ending its run. This is our last issue — but we’re not ending our relationship with you.

Through *Restore*, we’ve aimed to give you information that boosts your well-being. We’ve also hoped to inspire you with stories about fellow survivors and the City of Hope physicians who became their Champions of Hope.

Cancer survivorship rates in the U.S. have increased dramatically over the years. Today, there are nearly 12 million survivors, and numbers are growing thanks to the diligence of researchers, physicians and donors who back important research.

We support your journey to wellness and applaud your courage. There are many avenues for you to get health and research news and learn how to support City of Hope’s fight against cancer, diabetes and other diseases. Read our news online at www.cityofhope.org/publications. You can also use that site to subscribe to *eHope*, a monthly email newsletter, by filling out the “Subscribe” box on the page.

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For even more frequent stories and news, read our Breakthroughs blog at <http://breakthroughs.cityofhope.org> and follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/cityofhope) and Twitter (@cityofhope).

Returning the Favor

Lymphoma survivor writes her own story of giving

After successful treatment for non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Joan Solu thanks City of Hope with a \$25,000 donation at the 2012 Bone Marrow Transplant Reunion.

Six years after Joan Solu completed treatment, some words from her cancer journey have stayed with her.

Confronted with aggressive non-Hodgkin lymphoma, she'd looked for information on the Internet, and it scared her. In response to her fear, she heard the same phrase from her doctor and her brother.

"They both told me, 'You have to write your own story,'" she says. "That's the best advice I've ever received."

"Part of writing your own story is deciding how you're going to give back for the gifts you've received."

She turned to City of Hope's medical team for help, and her story so far has a happy ending. Gratitude — and the desire to contribute to the healing of others — inspired her and her family to give back in many ways.

Solu came to City of Hope in early 2006 for a stem transplant, drawn by the transplant program's national reputation and team approach to treatment. In her doctor, Anthony S. Stein, M.D., and his colleagues, she found caring people who also helped lift her spirits.

"If you have people around you who are really positive and happy to see you even when you're having a sad day, that's what's going to get you through. Dr. Stein and the nursing staff were phenomenal," says Solu, a Morro Bay, Calif., resident who runs a hotel along with her husband, John.

Recovering from her transplant at City of Hope, she was eager to get back to her four sons — ages 3, 6, 9 and 15 at the time. She returned home less than two weeks after her transplant, which doctors describe as a record.



Solu made giving back a priority.

While in treatment, she participated in clinical trials that help improve treatment for future patients. Then, a month after her transplant, her family held a fundraiser, raising almost \$2,400 for City of Hope. At City of Hope's 2012 Bone Marrow Transplant Reunion, Solu presented a \$25,000 gift on behalf of her family to support Stein's research.

"Part of writing your own story," says Solu, "is deciding how you're going to give back for the gifts you've received."

Celebrate 100 Years of Progress

City of Hope is about to celebrate its 100th birthday, and we want you to be part of it

In the coming months, we'll launch our Centennial. It's a chance to learn about the visionaries who created what we now call City of Hope, and to thank those who are driving us into the next 100 years.

Be sure to keep up with the latest at www.cityofhope.org and our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/cityofhope. You're also invited to celebrate the Centennial with us at the Champions of Hope gala in 2013. Contact us at champions@cityofhope.org to learn more.



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