



### MISSION

Triumphant Warrior is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing joy to cancer patients across the United States through the gift of fun socks.

Triumphant Warrior fun socks start conversations, build relationships and create a community of support for the patient.

### STEPHANIE'S STORY

Life before cancer was great. Then while on a family vacation, I woke up coughing every night. The cough got worse, and once we got home I went to the doctor, not once but three times. On that third visit we did an x-ray, and that's when I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Diffused B-cell Lymphoma.

I had a mass in my chest that was 15x11x7 cm, so it was difficult to swallow food, breathing was a chore, and every time I tried to talk I would cough like a seal. By the time I was diagnosed, I was sleeping in a chair because when I laid down, the mass blocked my airway.

I went through six rounds of R-EPOCH, a chemo regimen where I had five days of chemo (with a take home chemo pack) and two weeks off. My BFF from high school sent me five pair of fun socks—a pair of each day of treatment. I wore them into the infusion room each day and posted pictures to my Caring Bridge site, which my family had named Triumphant Warrior. Before I knew it, family and friends were sending all kinds of inspiring, silly socks for my remaining treatments.

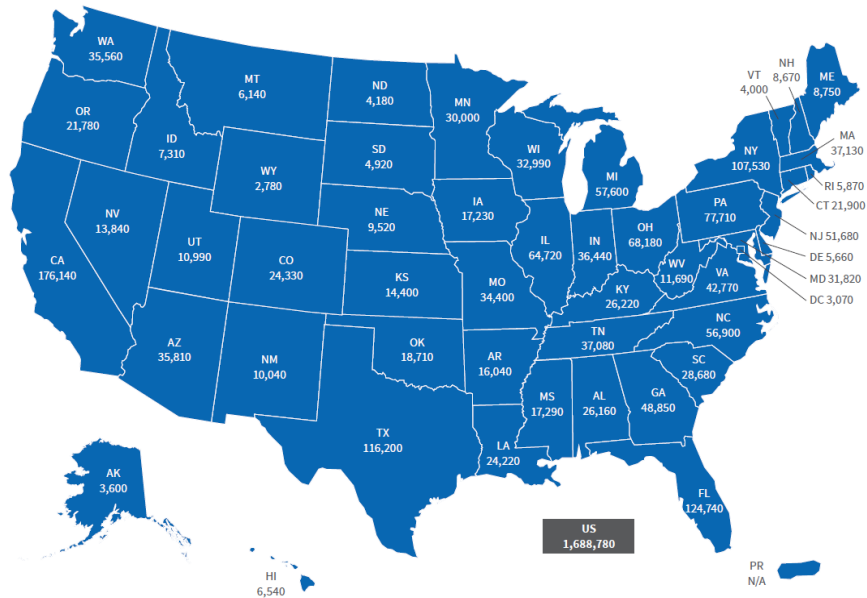
Infusion rooms are sterile, cold places, but wearing fun socks brought spirit and energy to those around me—patients, caregivers, and nurses. Putting on the socks was like pulling up armor against the beast...cancer. It brought joy and laughter into a stressful time. Once I realized how my fun socks impacted others, I would create my outfit for the day based on what socks I felt like wearing. People would ask to take pictures of my socks, share their stories or simply get a good giggle. Through the conversations, friendships were born, and I still keep in touch with many of those friends today.

I was in remission for 3.25 months before the cancer started growing again. This time, I went through an autologous stem cell transplant and radiation treatments at MD Anderson. I kept wearing my crazy socks even though I was afraid of looking like a big dork walking around the halls of such a large hospital. Luckily, the socks worked their magic and inspired even more friendships, laughter and joy that helped get me through my treatments.

I knew it was a joy I had to share with others, and I started giving silly socks to friends and friends of friends who had received a cancer diagnosis. I wanted to share that community of support, and give others that chance to smile (and keep their feet warm!) in the infusion room.



## THE FACTS



2017 estimate by The American Cancer Society:

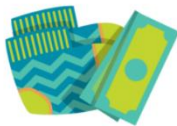
- 1.68 million Americans expected to be newly diagnosed in 2017
- 116,200 of those are right here in Texas

## THE GOAL

Supply every cancer patient across the United States with a pair of fun socks.

## THE PLAN

### DE-FEETING CANCER TOGETHER



#### YOU

Give new fun socks  
or funds to  
Triumphant  
Warrior



#### WE

Package socks and  
deliver to  
treatment centers  
in your area



#### NURSES

Deliver socks to  
patients



#### EVERYBODY

Smiles more!



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