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It seemed like yesterday that I was cycling up a mountain in order to raise funds to support Leukemia and Lymphoma. I called myself and my loyal companion, Charlene Underwood, TEAM JOHN, in memory of my brother-in-law who lost his battle with Lymphoma in 2010. I cycled for him and for my father and for my aunt, and for the countless others who have fought this insidious disease. My sister Kathy and my friend came along to cheer us on. Kathy still has Follicular Lymphoma, but thank God, and all the research that has been done, and thanks to folks like you, she has been able to keep the monster at bay. I also rode in honor of my daughter Erin who fought the fight and won. I actually thought that my career with TNT was over and I could move on. Unfortunately, this was not the case.

This past October my brother, Bill was diagnosed with Central Nervous System Lymphoma and has been in treatment ever since. We have been blessed by the dedication and resolve of all of the nurses, doctors and staff at Jefferson Hospital. The VA has also been extremely supportive, as Bill was a Veteran and had already been in their system. I pray that enough research has been done already to shrink the tumors in his brain.

Prayer is so powerful, but we also need to back it up with action. This is why I will continue on my end, with your support on the other end. This April I will walk and run a half marathon in New Jersey with Team In Training again. Our new team name is THE DROPKICK MURPHYS. My family is in this together and I thought it would be appropriate to name the team in memory of Bill Murphy, my father, and in honor of Bill Jr., my younger brother. Please join us by visiting my web page and making a donation. Thanks, Pat

<http://pages.teamintraining.org/vtnt/nj17/pmcguire>

PS. If anyone wants to join our team, I welcome you to contact TNT.