



## 30 Years & 30 Heroes

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**Megan** doesn't stand still for long—she's starting her fourth year of a combined BS/MS degree in biochemistry with a minor in Deaf Education at the University of Tulsa (where she plans to get her Masters in cancer research), she's the coxswain (the person in charge of the boat) for her college crew team, and she just got married last month! In her "spare" time, she also walks with other survivors at Relay for Life events, something she may not have thought she'd be doing when she was first diagnosed at age 6 with osteosarcoma, or cancer of the bone. She first came to camp in 2000 and didn't sit around there either, enjoying fishing, horseback riding, and dressing up for the many themed nights at camp. She was a highest-scoring applicant for this year's Kay/Moore Scholarship, due in large part to the eloquence of her essay, which is excerpted here:

"Shortly after my treatment began, people would ask me what I wanted to do when I grew up. My little determined six-year-old voice would respond, "I'm going to find the cure for cancer before I'm 110 years old." Understandably, many people were surprised by my answer back then, and oddly, many still are today. As a child my daddy would always hold me tight and tell me to dream big, and that is exactly what I have been doing. Dealing with the challenges of cancer treatment, from losing my long blonde hair to having to learn to walk again, has awakened a passion and a purpose to strive for the best and keep others from having to face the things that I've gone through. Camp Fantastic has been an organization in which I can give back and receive an equally important blessing from the other survivors and staff. Taking a week to celebrate life, share my personal experiences, and dream of the future has inspired me. As I continue my education it will be my goal to treat the whole individual by maintaining a biological balance. One day we will be in a world without cancer!"



*Megan and her new husband, Benjamin (top); at camp in 2000 (inset) and with roommates Eliana and Whitney and counselors Erica and Carey.*

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