

My Relay for Life Speech

Hello, my name is Emily Davis. On February 1, 2002 I was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, which is a bone cancer. It was at a stage four which is a very aggressive state. The original site was my left shoulder and it then metastasized to my right shoulder, my back, and my lungs. I received chemotherapy at Johns Hopkins hospital every two weeks from the beginning of February up to the middle of July and in-between I received radiation treatment. Then I had a stem cell transplant and I was in the hospital for 4 weeks.

And today after all my treatments and complications along the way I feel that I stand here a better and more matured person than before, I feel that I tend not to pay much attention to the smaller problems that happen in every day life. I appreciate what the cancer victims and their families have to go through and all the courage and strength they must show and must develop to get through the terrible times. I also feel that you should appreciate every day that you spend with your family and friends.

The last word that I would use to describe this year is "**Blessing**" but I must say that I have found many of them through this year. One of them was finding out what a great community this one is and all the help and support that my family and I have received from it. Also I feel that I've become best friends with my mom, because she has been there for me through every thing. I have also made new friends with my nurses and doctors. I have also found what a blessing medicine can be. Last year I participated in the Relay for life walk. My friends created a team called Emi's Army and raised money for the cause. They showed lots of dedication through the walk and raising money for it. I had so much fun doing it last year I couldn't wait to do it this year, and I am most excited about being able to walk in the survivors walk this year. **Thank you.**