

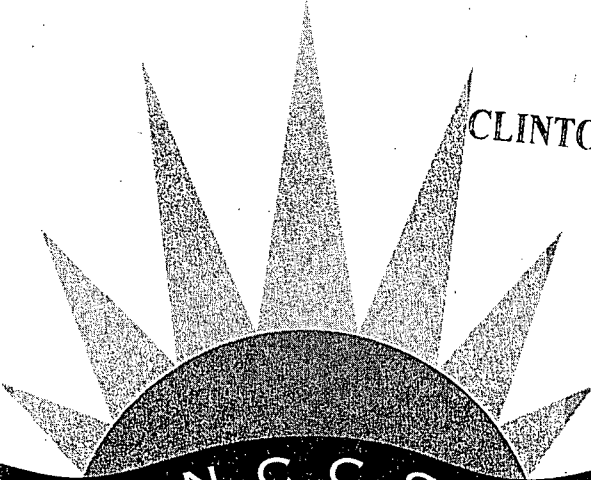


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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20502

Building skills

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As we move closer to the MARCH, scheduled to begin in Washington on September 24, we wanted to bring a new, innovative program designed for cancer survivors to your attention. We hope that you can help us focus national attention on cancer survivors' needs.

that work

As you know, a cancer survivor is anyone living with cancer. The moment of diagnosis is traumatic and often, one's typical decision-making skills are paralyzed. Survivors are left trying to navigate their way through this strange land called "Cancer."

The goal of the *Cancer Survival Toolbox* is to teach survivors how to best advocate for themselves. The *Toolbox* is comprised of six self-learning audio programs that can be listened to at any time -- during treatment, in the car or in bed -- and covers the basic life skills such as communication, finding information, making decisions, solving problems, negotiating and standing up for your rights.

for you

For the 1.5 million people who will be diagnosed with cancer this year, as well as for anyone living with cancer, the *Toolbox* is an invaluable tool in coping with the increasingly complex health care environment. While the MARCH works toward public advocacy through a call to action for more research, outreach and quality of care, the *Toolbox* balances public advocacy with personal advocacy by empowering survivors.

Enclosed is a pre-release copy of the *Cancer Survival Toolbox*, which is free of charge to anyone affected by cancer, by calling 1-877-TOOLS-4-U (1-877-866-5748). It can also be ordered through the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship's website at www.cansearch.org.

Thank you for your generous time and consideration, Mrs. Clinton. Together, with the MARCH and many other movements, we hope to improve the lives of cancer survivors in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Terri L. Clevenger
Public Relations Manager





September 14, 1998

Dear Bobbie –

It was wonderful to see you again. I never appreciated how much I took our conversations and dinners for granted, until they stopped happening on a regular basis.

Because Mrs. Clinton has been very supportive of cancer-related issues and of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) in particular, we wanted to give her a copy of our latest and most far-reaching resource, which will be available to the public in a few weeks.

Enclosed is information about an exciting new set of skill building audio-tapes for cancer survivors entitled the *Cancer Survival Toolbox*. This program was developed by the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) with the professional support and involvement of the Oncology Nursing Society and the Association of Oncology Social Work. It has been funded by an unrestricted educational grant from Genentech BioOncology and will be available free of charge to cancer patients and their caregivers by calling 1-877-TOOLS-4-U. Unfortunately, the cassette arrived after I left on Thursday or I would have hand delivered it to you.

Thanks again for all you do – for your family, your friends, and for your country.

Love,

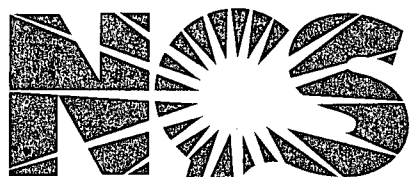
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Special issue

Cancer survivors talk about their private battles with cancer, and how their struggles led them to support The March

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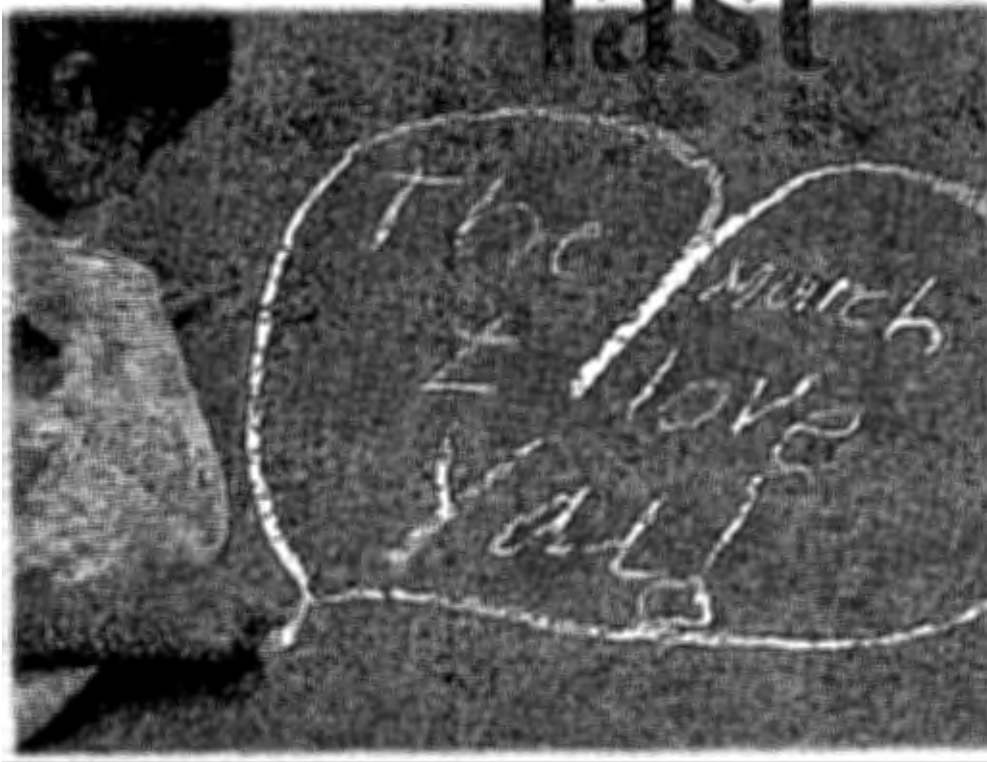
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At long last



Cancer survivor Morgan O'Brien, 7, expresses her feelings about The March... Coming Together to Conquer CancerSM as the big day (Sept. 26) approaches. NCCS is saluting Morgan with one of the new "Everyday Heroes" awards. See story, page 8.

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