

Hi my name is Bonnie and I'm a lifer. On December 15, 2015, I had a mastectomy and reduction. My family was my cheering section and have never let me down. We thought just some surgery and chemo and I'd be fine. On December 31, 2015 after my PET scan I was told you aren't curable. Stage IV Breast Cancer with metastasis and it looked like my whole body was involved.

When I was biopsied in October of that same year I turned to the only person I knew with breast cancer, Mary Law. She just said, "come with me you need to meet these women". That was my beginning with Linked By Pink and the amazing women who are members

Since that fateful New Year's Eve, I have been on oral chemo, traditional chemotherapy and radiation because with mets in your bones, a slip in the shower can lead to a broken pelvis and shoulder.

I have leaned on these women and received such wonderful advice and care. They also go out of the way to help with gift cards for food, gas and restaurant takeout - my favorite since that means no cooking when all I wanted was for the nausea to subside.

LBP is constantly raising funds and it all stays here locally. Quite a few of these women are done with cancer and give of their time to help all of us still struggling. The day Mary brought me to that first meeting was a godsend. I have friends that will last my lifetime and knowing them, after that too. So, thank you to Norma, Becky, Alice, Amy, Mary and the Michelle's and all the rest of you for making sure that I have quality of life while I chase quantity.

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