

When I found out I had cancer I was in disbelief. Felt like I couldn't get a break. Why me? Lord, I try to live right! Why me? I would cry all the time. I lived alone so crying became kind of easy.

I tried to be strong for my children and my grandchildren. I was afraid and felt so alone. My surgery came and went but the tears still came; they wouldn't stop.

I had a wonderful support team. My friends played a major part in my treatment and recovery. They put together a plan of action and everyone had something to do. My children wanted to help me so they moved me back home to Erie where they could become a major part of my treatment.

When I moved back home I was in a bad place mentally and physically. The Regional Cancer Center told me about Linked By Pink. I reached out to them and Norma called me back right away. She told me about their programs and invited me to a meeting. The ladies in this group helped me mentally. The funding I was able to receive helped pay for medical equipment I needed and for gas to get to treatment, along with other things. Linked By Pink is a lifeline for me.

My treatment left me with physical disabilities, but my mind became stronger than ever. When you battle cancer, you feel like a superhero. You feel there's nothing that can hurt you anymore because you have been through your worst.

~Elnora "Nobie" Johnson  
Erie, PA