

OUR STORY

While attending school in Hawaii, on her 25th birthday, Natalie Overson discovered she had cancer. She found that this experience would be a journey she would never trade. One that she knew needed to be shared.

Natalie discovered a storybooking company to help her publish her story. She received her own online publishing account, accessible day or night, entered the website, and chose a template (a layout for her pictures and her story text) to write her story. She included 16-20 photographs of herself going through the various treatments, her supportive family and friends, as well as medical staff. She was able to choose from an assortment of over 150 storybook borders and over 30 different font choices. In addition, her online publishing account allowed her to upload unlimited photos. And the best part is, that this account was now hers to use as she wished to write even more stories.

Natalie had a dream that she could play a role in helping other cancer patients and their families heal as she did through the magic of writing her story. "If you can tell your story, you are not only helping yourself, but you are assisting others who are struggling, in knowing that they are not alone," exclaimed Natalie. She clearly understood the "Power of Story" as she shared this experience with others. She was determined to help others preserve their legacies.

Today, some two years after being diagnosed with breast cancer and following surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, Natalie Overson is cancer free and wants to help YOU write your story.

THE FOUNDATION BOARD

In early June 2005, the Non-Profit Foundation for Stories of Cancer Heroes was formed with Natalie, a cancer survivor, being named its President; Bill Jeffs, an Attorney of Law and David Clark, CEO of Intermountain Health Care were named as the first Board Members. Additional board members were added in March 2006: Danny Temkin, President of Temkin International; Candace May, mother of a six year old cancer survivor and co-founder of the storybooking process. Officers of the Foundation include: Cori Overson, mother of a cancer survivor and executive assistant to Danny Temkin.

Donations to the Foundation, no matter how small, would be appreciated to ensure that funds will always be available for every applicant who wishes to write his or her story of cancer. If you wish to contribute to the Foundation, attach your check to the application form or mail it to:

Stories of Cancer Heroes
213 South Temkin Way, Payson, UT 84651

OUR OBJECTIVE

We want to help you to write your story! We want to provide each child, youth, adult and/or their caregivers, including all oncology doctors, nurses and staff whose lives have been touched by the cancer experience, to write and publish their stories, thus preserving their legacies.

OUR ANGEL DONOR

Our Angel Donor joined the Foundation in early 2006. His wish was to ensure that every cancer patient and/or caregiver who wanted to create a storybook about his or her struggle with cancer would have the funding to do so. Because of Mr. Temkin's generosity this will provide an ongoing, online publishing account and two hardbound published storybooks (a \$120.00 value), one for themselves, and one for the Foundation's library.

THE FOUNDATION GUIDELINES

- Each applicant completes the Foundation application for approval. Publishing account numbers will be issued within three days via e-mail.
- The writer/author of each book will give permission for additional copies of their storybook to be printed and shared with other cancer heroes through the Foundation's library.
- Storybooks will need to be completed within 60 days after receiving your publishing account number.

THE NEXT STEP

Once you have completed your application and are waiting for its approval and your publishing account number, we suggest that you use this time to plan your story.

- Select 16-20 pictures that you wish to use in your storybook.
- Natalie's storybook is a suggested story outline that will help you to begin writing your story. Keep in mind that your page layouts will differ according to the story you wish to write. Many different options are available to you with your online publisher.
- You can work on your book anywhere you can get on the Internet. You may choose to work in a group setting, work alone, or have family and friends add their stories to the pages. However you wish to create your storybook, it is the right way. After all, you are the author!
- When your storybook is complete, the only cost to you is the shipping. Your storybook will arrive by UPS within 10 days.

VOLUNTEERS ARE READY TO HELP

The Foundation and its many volunteers are available to make this happen for you. Please contact the person below for more information or assistance.