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Yes, you guessed it, **I am climbing again to raise funds for LLS. This time I will be headed to Ecuador on a 5 Volcano challenge June 7- June 16, 2024.** This will be my third Climb 2 Cure trek, a program that began in my hospital room in 2014 and has gone on to raise over 2 million dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For those of you who have already donated, thank you. If you feel so inclined, please share my story and link with your network!



My personal goal is to raise \$15,000 to mark the 15 years I have been living with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). 15 years may not sound like a lot but considering that when first diagnosed in 2009, I was given a 1 in 4 chance to survive 5 years and that my cancer has returned 3 times in the past decade, I consider each day a gift. I am alive today because of LLS. My survival is due to the incredible advancements LLS research has made in fighting AML.

But our work is not done, currently I have three friends battling relapsed AML. **Cancer is still outpacing treatments and the biggest barrier to finding cures and improving outcomes is funding.** I have defied the odds, not by chance, but because LLS is working tirelessly to change these odds.

There are many reasons to be proud to support LLS's efforts. For instance, approximately 40% of new cancer therapies approved by the FDA since 2000 were first approved for blood cancer patients. And many of these LLS-supported therapies not only help blood cancer patients but they have also led to a tremendous number of advances in many other types of cancers, like bone, brain, and breast.



Kilimanjaro, 2017



Transplant Re-birthday, 2014

Your contribution will have rippling effects across the entire cancer landscape.

I promise that your donation to LLS will have a direct impact on patients like me and their families. Together, we can change a cancer diagnosis from being a death sentence to a treatable and livable disease.

Please use this link: <https://cure.lls.org/Javan> or the enclosed envelope for a check, to make a tax-deductible contribution to LLS. **Please make checks out to "LLS" and include my name in the memo line.**



I thank you in advance for supporting this incredible need. Be sure to follow my adventures in Ecuador on my social media. I am grateful for your friendship and support.

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