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Keeping the Faith
By Jill Becker

Longtime AAer Donna Guyette says faith is the key to surviving breast cancer.

Five years after losing her husband to leukemia, Donna Guyette was facing her own medical crisis. The 53-year-old AA.com Representative at the Southern Reservation Office was diagnosed with breast cancer after discovering a lump during a routine self exam.

Tougher than the resulting surgery and rounds of chemo and radiation therapy was having to tell her two young sons, then ages 11 and 16, about her diagnosis. "I told them, 'I'm sorry you had to go through this with your father, and now me,'" says Guyette.

It was her two young sons, though, who ultimately helped keep her going throughout her battle with the disease. "Knowing that my boys would react based on how I reacted helped me forge ahead," she says. So did her faith in God.

"A key for me was staying close to God, because he has a plan. I may not know what it is, but I have faith," she says. "God also taught me that it's okay to ask for help." Indeed, Guyette's friends and family made sure that her family always had something to eat and that she never went to a doctor's appointment or treatment session alone.

Through her faith, Guyette also found fellowship with others who had been in her shoes. "My role models were these three women at my church who had had breast cancer. They were extremely encouraging and showed me that I wasn't alone," Guyette says. "It's really important for anyone dealing with cancer to know that you don't have to fight it all by yourself."

Now cancer-free for five years, Guyette revels in sharing her experiences with others battling the disease. "I had lots of encouragement during my ordeal, so it's nice to give back," she says. "I tell them that it's ultimately going to be okay and advise them to take things one day at a time."

She continues to tell her message of faith to those going through cancer. She tells them to focus on the positive, like the time she rented a convertible and drove from Las Vegas to Arizona for a family reunion. Out there on the desert roads, she decided to doff her wig and feel the sun and wind on her bald head (the result of losing her hair to chemo). "It was a great feeling," Guyette says. "Now I know why so many men shave their heads."

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