

"Late effects" are problems related to cancer treatment that occur or persist after treatment is completed.

3 out of 5 survivors develop late effects.



"BeholdBeGold is to perceive an unstoppable force of positivity, ambition, and resiliency that arises within you while undergoing the late effects, challenges, and barriers that come with surviving childhood cancer."

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#### LATE EFFECTS

What most people don't know is that just because one survives Childhood Cancer, it doesn't necessarily mean the battle is over, and one is now "cancer free."

Childhood Cancer is a lifelong diagnosis. First, we must survive the cancer treatment and then, live with a lifetime of late effects.

These late effects could become barriers in our future lives, making it difficult to accomplish many life goals, such as, education, driving, career, independent living, maintaining relationships, and even forming a family, and so much more.

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#### **Education & Career Awareness**



## WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

- Educate ourselves on potential late effects and ways to overcome or get help.
- Identify resources in a position to help survivors (ex. vocational counselor, guidance counselors, local late effects clinic).
- Educational programs for the general public, educators as well as potential employers of survivors.
- Support and social media groups to band together for this cause.
- Raise funds for childhood cancer research.
- Neuropsychological testing for patients and survivors.

### RISK FACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS

- Diagnosis of cancer at a very young age
- Numerous or prolonged school absences
- A history of learning problems before cancer diagnosis
- Cancer treatment that results in reduced energy levels
- Chemotherapy or radiation that affects hearing or vision
- Surgery that results in physical disabilities
- Radiation to the central nervous system
- Instillation of chemotherapy into the cerebrospinal fluid







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