

WHEN YOU NEED A HELPING HAND....

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Some of the best support groups are created by those who once needed support themselves. 'Imerman Angels' is no exception. Their mission is to match a person who is fighting cancer with someone who has won a battle with that same kind of cancer. It's a one-on-one relationship that not only encourages and strengthens the cancer fighter, but also allows the cancer survivor to give back in a very real and specific way.

Jonny Imerman is the survivor behind this organization. When he was 26 years old, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer that had already begun to metastasize. After they operated, he endured five brutal months of chemotherapy that produced overwhelming side effects. But he persevered and finally began to focus on getting healthy again. But it was not over yet. One year later tumors along his spine were found. Once they were surgically removed, he was on the road to a permanent recovery.

While Jonny was going through this fight, he was surrounded by family and friends who wouldn't let him give up. As he walked the halls of the hospital, he saw others who weren't as fortunate. They were fighting their battle alone. Even in the midst of his pain and fear, he made a promise: if he survived, he would try to change that.

Now Imerman Angels exists to connect cancer fighters and survivors. After the initial contact, a representative (all are also survivors) searches the database to find the most appropriate match—same cancer type, treatments, age, gender, family, etc.

After the introduction is made, the relationship is in the hands of the newly matched team, but Imerman Angels is always available for advice and guidance. They can also match up caregivers with others who are in similar situations supporting someone who is fighting cancer. Matches have been made for people of all ages and cancer types all across the country and the world.

If you find yourself alone and fighting cancer, please contact Imerman Angels.

As Jonny says, "...cancer survivors are angels—walking, living proof that the fighter can win too. No one should have to fight this disease alone."♂

