



MONTHLY FEATURE

Hero Mom to Know

KIM WHITEHOUSE, AURORA

Send A Smile Today

As a cancer survivor, no one knows more about loving life than Kim. With no family history of cancer, receiving the diagnosis of invasive breast cancer at the age of 38 was shocking.

At the time, her children were 6 and 9 years old, so relying on other people became a necessity. "I have always taken pride in being there for them with everything, and it was hard for me to let others help," Kim shares. Her friends and family formed "Kim's Crew" and provided meals; brought flowers; held parties after each chemotherapy session; but, it was the personal cards Kim received that really made a difference.



"Some days walking to the mailbox would be the most energy I would have," Kim says. "In today's world when our mailboxes are filled with bills and business ads, it is always uplifting to receive a card in the mail. I clearly remember one really bad day I was having, both physically and emotionally. I walked to my mailbox and I immediately felt happy, energized, and empowered because I had received a card from someone thinking of me."

Kim is currently living cancer free. She continues her "passion project" with Send A Smile Today, which was formed in 2014 to send hope, love, and support by mailing free uplifting greeting cards to anyone in the U.S., with any type of cancer. The organization has sent nearly 1000 cards to date.

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 -Kristen Kucharski; Photos by Mike Mantucca

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