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In 2016, I celebrated 12 years being a survivor of ovarian cancer. Thank you so much to my family and friends for being so supportive!

On March 23, 2004, I underwent total abdominal hysterectomy, bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy, and staging for a Stage IA Granulosa cell tumor. There were no resources at that time and no organizations to speak with. I made a promise from that day that I would advocate for women to help educate and bring awareness.

It is my passion to educate and bring awareness to ovarian cancer and raising awareness. CT Women of Hope is making a difference in communicating, reaching out, educating, and providing financial assistance. Volunteering is important to me because you get closer to people, and you make new acquaintances. My self-confidence has increased by getting more involved. It is important to give others hope because they realize there are people out there who will help them out. It brings back their faith and it enables them to draw strength from their inner self. Knowing that I do something good brings an emotional uplifting that keeps me positive.

I love bringing hope and happiness to people and a good laugh to see them smile. I am a survivor one of many and proud to stand strong for myself and others.