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**Leading Young Adult Cancer Survivor Organization [The SAMFund](#) Announces
Fundraising Campaign Supported by HP's Young Employee Network
*All funds raised will be doubled by company's matching gifts program***

Boston, MA (June 11, 2014) – Surviving And Moving Forward: The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer, has been selected as the philanthropy of choice by HP's Young Employee Network (YEN) Alpharetta chapter. YEN has committed to doubling The SAMFund's impact across the United States. Through HP's matching gifts program, all donations made by HP employees nationwide will be matched by the company.

Atlanta-area resident Vanessa Smith is a 32-year old survivor of Stage 3 Hodgkins Lymphoma and past SAMFund grant recipient who recently visited HP's Alpharetta campus to share her experience with employees. She said, "HP's support of The SAMFund will continue to empower people like me to move forward in our lives after cancer and to enable us to give back to our own communities because we have help with our post-treatment needs.

When I got out of the hospital, I had \$600,000 in medical bills – and that was just my 20 percent of the total that insurance helped with – I had beaten cancer, but I didn't even want to think about the future because I felt like it was already over," she added. Now, Vanessa is moving forward with her life and will be attending nursing school in the fall.

Samantha Watson, Founder and Executive Director of The SAMFund and two-time cancer survivor herself, said, "Like HP, we strive every day at The SAMFund to 'Make it Matter.' Working together towards this goal will have a huge impact on the amount of money we can raise and the level of awareness surrounding the financial repercussions of cancer."

Zack Godfrey, YEN Alpharetta's philanthropy chair, said, "The SAMFund was selected as the charity of choice because it's the only organization out there dedicated to supporting the financial needs of young adult cancer survivors. In addition to the daily living costs young adults have, they also have massive medical bills to deal with." He added, "We'll be reaching out into the Alpharetta community to raise awareness that there are financial resources available to cancer survivors."

Those wishing to donate to The SAMFund via the HP network can do so [here](#).

About The SAMFund

The SAMFund supports young adult cancer survivors in the United States as they recover from the financial impact of cancer treatment. Through direct financial assistance and free online support and education, The SAMFund helps young adults move forward towards their personal, professional, and academic goals.

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