

Hey,

So you have been diagnosed with cancer. We want you to know that you are not alone. All of us have sat in that same cold exam room where someone handed us a box of Kleenex and said those three words "you have cancer." Welcome to the club no one asks to join.

We are a group of cancer survivors that have come together as BOARD39 to advise the adolescent and young adult (AYA) program at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center. As members of BOARD39, we aim to help other AYAs who have been diagnosed with cancer. It has become our purpose to help the AYA program serve patients in the most effective and helpful ways.

Your life will be changed, but some of those changes you will be forever grateful for. Our hope is that the knowledge gained from our own experiences can help guide you through.

Take your time. This is a lot to take in. When you are ready, you can connect with us and other survivors through the AYA program. We have an AYA support group, an AYA caregiver support group, and regular casual hangouts. We also have many resources we can recommend if you're interested. You can simply send an email to nayac@northwestern.edu and we'll help you from there. You can also find us on Instagram and Facebook @lurieaya. We are here for you!

Sending support,
BOARD39


Hodgkins Lymphoma


Rectal Cancer


Metastatic Melanoma


Cervical Cancer


Breast Cancer


Hodgkins Lymphoma


Breast Cancer


Testicular Cancer


Pleomorphic
Xanthoastrocytoma


Ewing Sarcoma


Testicular Cancer