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I was touched by the angels among us. I was changed but also enriched!

After a diagnosis of DCIS in January of 2003, I was part of a world I had never been to before; doctors, radiologists, second opinions, surgeons and so many medical decisions.

Then another door opened to me at 840 University Ave.; a place of safety and comfort, the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester.

Five years later, I am still part of this world, but with a whole new outlook. It's a powerful thing being a survivor and a woman.

God's unconditional love and my faith community were the inspiration on my journey. My rocks were my husband Richard and my daughter Josette. The love and support shown by my family and friends was the spark that lifted me up when times were rough.

The gift of God's spirit dwelling within me will always be my motivating force to remind me always that life is so precious and it is in the service to others that we are truly blessed.

I'm a wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. I base my whole life on these connections and it gives me the spirit to move forward to continue the fight to conquer this disease which affects so many in our community.