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I am a 37 year old single mother of four. On June 24, 2016 I went to the doctors for a routine physical for my daughter and decided to ask about a lump I had been feeling for some time. This lump I paid little attention to ended up being breast cancer; my life has never been the same since. I stopped working and often had to fight to get out of bed- something I never had to do before. I went through chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. Although it was tough, by God's grace I made it through the first rounds. The cancer was persistent and afterwards, I was put on new chemo pills. On August 3, 2017 I discovered that the headaches I had been feeling were actually tumors from the breast cancer that had metastasized to my brain. This diagnosis was devastating, but taught me to appreciate life and the people I love.

Through this journey, my family has been an unwavering support, however sometimes I still felt alone because no one could understand my pain. BCCR changed that for me. Initially when my doctor recommended I contact BCCR, I was hesitant. But the wonderful women I met on the first day made me feel so welcomed and loved. Through this group, I know I am not alone in this fight. I've made several relationships with strong, beautiful women that give me strength, courage and inspiration. I enjoy the programs and activities they hold and learn so much about this disease. Hearing the stories of other women going through the same thing as me is extremely encouraging. I am so thankful for BCCR and all the people that have made me not feel alone.