

# Our Story

Two weeks after my college graduation, as I sat hooked up to an IV at the chemo center, I thought,

**“this is NOT okay”!**

You see, I'm named for my Aunt Sue (Susan Carver Smith) who died from Hodgkin's at age 28 in 1977. On the anniversary of her death, I began the same kind of treatment my aunt had for the same kind of cancer... Hodgkin's disease. I guess it's true...it's all in a name! What makes it even more extraordinary is that my dad has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and at times, we even went through chemo side by side!



My dad is okay and I am okay...look how far we've come! However, with over 1.5 million people being diagnosed with cancer each year

**...cancer is NOT okay!**

Believe me, at 22, I was thinking, “surely this is just a corn nugget stuck in my throat, not the Big C”! But as we all know, cancer has no rhyme or reason. My Aunt Sue was gone way too soon, but I'm here, and you and I can change the future. You know someone...I know someone

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The Susan Carver Foundation was established by my mom, Laura, and me in my Aunt Sue's memory. Through the Susan Carver Foundation, we have created a way to carry on Sue's fun-loving, generous, and giving spirit. My Aunt Sue, who never thought about herself or her illness, poured her heart into everything she did. She carried on with a smile, lived life happily, and had fun despite her sickness. My Aunt Sue's spirit is carried out today in a fun way through our foundation.

My mom and I believe that having cancer cross our paths so many times is not a coincidence, but we know in our hearts we are being called to make a difference. The Susan Carver Foundation raises money for cancer research, specifically genetic research, and in order to donate gift bags of Susansnaps to cancer patients going through chemo and radiation during the holidays. The foundation was established to bring smiles to patients faces! We just know the biggest smile of all is coming from Sue, who is looking down on the two of us from heaven!

Together we can bring smiles to cancer patients and support research to end cancer, because we all know

**...cancer is not okay!**

**- Susan Carver Robbins**