



### Brian's Story

*On November 2017 I saw an ENT doctor for what I thought was a throat infection. The doctor checked my throat and said I had a lesion on my tongue. I did not know what that was. Then he said that word I never expected, cancer. When you hear that, everything just stops -- you hear nothing -- you just replay that word in your head. The day before Thanksgiving I found out it was stage 4. I did not think I had a long life ahead of me after hearing that. December 6<sup>th</sup> was my first Radiation appointment. The Payson Center staff was amazing and made me feel comfortable. Well 35 radiation treatments and 2 chemotherapy treatments later, I survived. It was the hardest thing I had ever been through. I could not have made it through it without my family and their support, especially my lovely wife Jane who drove me to and from every appointment. As of May 6th I have been cancer free 2 years.*

Brian was able to receive extraordinary care at Payson Center for Cancer Care/HOPE Resource Center in large part due to community-based fundraising initiatives like our annual Rock 'N Race. Please join us so we can continue to provide great care and support for our friends and neighbors living with cancer.

