

Health Bulletin



Web Site Offers Patients Hope And Support

(NAPSA)—Helping patients find the hope and support they need to beat a disease is the purpose behind a new Web site.

When a health crisis takes place, many people find the support they need from family, friends and physicians.

But patients can also find important inspiration and help from the example of other patients—whether they are currently fighting or have already beaten the same illness.

A new Web site, called Sharing Miracles, is a place where patients can go to share their experiences. It is first and foremost a place where patients who have experienced the “miracle” of overcoming disease can share their inspiring stories with other patients seeking hope as well as a better understanding of their condition.

“As a cancer survivor, I often share the story of my own struggle against the disease with other cancer patients. I know firsthand how important passing on hope one patient to the next can be,” said Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) CEO Billy Tauzin.

Added Tauzin, “Sharing Miracles is a treasure chest of hope. I was moved by one patient’s story about her fight to live with multiple sclerosis. She tells of her chal-



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lenges and her hopes. Another relates how some great medicines have made it possible to live with HIV. It’s a real inspiration.”

The site (www.sharingmiracles.com) is sponsored by PhRMA. Several organizations, including the American Cancer Society, the Alzheimer’s Association, the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and many others, are linking to the Web site. In addition to inspirational real patient stories, the Web site offers information about new medicines and procedures for different diseases.

For more information about Sharing Miracles, go to www.sharingmiracles.com or to the PhRMA Web site at www.phrma.org.