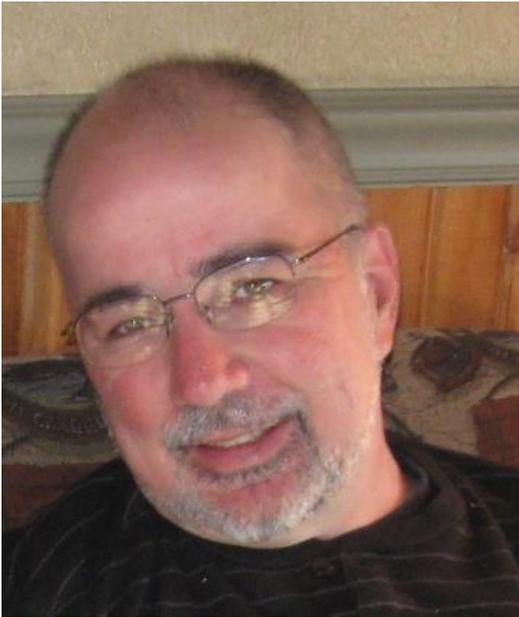


TO: MD Anderson Cancer Center patient.

A message and gift from a fellow patient. Please take one if you are a patient or if you can pass it along to someone who is a patient



Dear fellow cancer patient,

My name is Sean Holton. I was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) brain cancer in July 2009 and have been in treatment here at MD Anderson Cancer Center since that time. My doctors informed me at the outset that my disease was not considered curable, but was at least treatable. I have undergone three surgeries, six weeks of radiation and several courses of chemotherapy. I have already been blessed by living several months beyond the expected survival time for most patients with a GBM diagnosis. For this good fortune, I credit my wonderful doctors and nurses and each and every one of the administrative and support staff that contributes so much to the healing environment at MD Anderson.

Another source of inspiration and encouragement for me has come from my encounters with other patients, such as you, here at the center. We see one another in waiting rooms, in elevators or in the chemo infusion rooms. If we are lucky, we take the time to acknowledge one another with a conversation or to share stories from our individual journeys on the common road we all travel. But even when such acknowledgement comes only in the form of exchanging a few words, a nod, a smile or a quick hello, I believe what we patients draw from one another here adds an important element to the healing power each of us can find within ourselves.

My gift to you with this envelope is a symbol of that healing power. The folded paper crane is one from a collection of 1,000 origami cranes that I received from a group of complete strangers who heard about my situation and cared enough to do something they hoped might speed my healing. You can read more about the tradition behind this wonderful gift and the story of how I came to receive it on the reverse side of this letter. Now I hope you will share in my gift by accepting a single one of those 1,000 cranes to help you on your own healing journey, and also as an expression of my gratitude for everything you have ever done here to support, encourage or inspire me or any other patient here at MD Anderson.

Passing along these cranes to my fellow patients, one-by-one, is the best way I can think of to multiply and magnify the blessings that have been bestowed upon me.