A Love Story

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Friends and Family,

Every now and then an opportunity comes along to do something special. This time, Cancer Health decided to do a cover story about Genevieve and me. I got choked up reading it. The writer, Kate Ferguson, spent a lot of time with us (by Zoom), so when she was done, we had no idea what direction she would take the story. It turned out great.

What made this special for me is that there is more focus on Genevieve, and on us as a couple. Care supporters rarely get acknowledged, let alone featured. Yet Genevieve is a central part of why I'm still alive, and the journey is just as much hers as it is mine.

Stigma is an incredible barrier for getting support lung cancer research, so I it's perfect that this is a love story, not a story about disease. Imagine – a story about someone with lung cancer where smoking isn't even mentioned! Are we finally being seen as human beings in the press?

The only thing I wish could have been different was to make the credit more prominent for a beautiful photo of Genevieve and me in front of a set of stairs. Credit goes to Heidi Von Tagen of Uncommon Muse Photography https://www.uncommonmuse.com/. And I don't see the credit for Jay Fram https://www.jayfram.com/, who took the cover photo. Jay was kind enough to allow us personal use of the photos, so our holiday photo card this year is one of our favorites ever.

I hope you enjoy the story. Here's the link: https://www.cancerhealth.com/article/cancer-health-winter-2021. Scroll down to flip through the magazine using a flipbook.

Love,

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