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Dear Mr. Sample,

Every time my dad calls, I hold my breath...

**Will he tell me that his prostate cancer has returned? He was lucky to catch it early the first time. Will this time be worse? Will he be able to beat it again?**

So many frightening thoughts rush through my mind.

But I know that prostate cancer research is progressing. I know that effective treatments are available, and that critical information is on hand when we need it. And I know that we are never alone in the fight against prostate cancer. Prostate Cancer Canada makes these things possible.

**Mr. Sample, that's why I'm sending you this letter. I'm asking you to please support Prostate Cancer Canada with a generous gift of \$40, \$50 or even \$75.**

Since he was diagnosed eight years ago, my dad's prostate cancer has been in remission three times. Each time, his PSA levels have dropped – only to spike back up again. And every time he's faced this disease, it's been with extraordinary courage and a positive attitude. Even though it's been difficult, he has beaten it again and again.

My dad hadn't been to the doctor in years, and he just happened to schedule an appointment. That was a good thing, because it was that routine appointment that caught his prostate cancer early enough that it could be treated effectively. I know there are a lot of men who aren't as fortunate.

At the time of his diagnosis, he was living on the other side of the country from me. I was in Ontario and he was in British Columbia. But the distance never seemed greater than on the day he told me he had prostate cancer.

I remember that phone call – I was shocked. At first, I couldn't find the words to respond. I learned that he had been diagnosed four months earlier, and that he had waited to tell me because he wanted to get more information, to save me from worrying about him. He reassured me that he was fine.

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But it was very hard knowing that he was so far away, undergoing treatments that were taking their toll both physically and emotionally. I'd always been 'daddy's little girl' – I just wanted to give him a hug. And I also wanted to get involved. Even though my dad was all the way across the country, we were in this fight together.

I attended a car show in Oakville where I met Jim Dorsey, who's a member of a local prostate cancer support group, and I volunteered my time. I started helping with promotions for the 'Cruisin for a Cure Car Show', and gave a speech at the event that left not a dry eye in the house. And for the past two years, I have been the Promotions and Vendor Manager for the show.

Everything I do now, I do it for Dad. It feels good to know that I am making a difference – getting the word out about this disease, encouraging all men to talk to their doctors about prostate cancer, and informing them about the simple PSA blood test. If talking about it saves even one life, then it's worth it.

**I want you to know that when you make a gift to Prostate Cancer Canada, you make an incredible difference too.**

Your contribution helps to ensure that prostate cancer research is receiving critical funding, and that means there's hope for better treatments and even a cure. And it also helps fund the critical support initiatives that mean men and their families never have to face prostate cancer alone.

My dad moved back to Ontario about a year ago, where he can be closer to his family. He is still facing tough challenges with prostate cancer. He was put back on medication earlier this year, and he missed two months of work. His PSA levels finally came down to the point where he could return to work in March.

Knowing that I can be there for him – to give him a hug – means the world to me. And knowing that he'll be spending lots of time with his grandchildren always brings a smile to my face.

And even though we know our fight with prostate cancer might not be over, I know that we'll fight it together. And I know that Prostate Cancer Canada will always be on our side, thanks to the support of generous people like you. **I hope you'll make your gift today!**

Sincerely,

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P.S. They say that prostate cancer doesn't affect men alone – but their friends and family, too. That is so true. We all have a stake in the fight against prostate cancer! Help spread the word by sending in your gift to Prostate Cancer Canada.