



Manning's Story

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My cause is medical research. I was devastated when my mother died from breast cancer. I was shocked when one of my best friends from college ended up confined to a hospital bed in her own home because of multiple sclerosis. Recently one of my children was diagnosed with diabetes. Rather than feel helpless, I decided to feel hopeful and make donations through the CFC to specific charities that do medical research in hope of finding cures. I am passionate about lots of things in my life, but my family and friends are the most important, and if I can't personally find a cure, then I need to help fund those that can. The CFC is important to me for many reasons, but the main reason is that it is so easy and efficient to use the payroll deduction option. I know my contributions are going where I want them to go, and that those charities can depend on receiving my contributions on a regular basis.

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