

Maria and Her Surprise Cancer Diagnosis

By Suzanne Buchauer

Maria came for her adult program for dyslexia this past summer. While here, she told me about her love and passion for raising money for cancer research and especially her positive experiences riding each year on the Empire State Ride, which goes from Battery Park to Niagara Falls and is over five hundred miles long. At the end of her week-long, outside program, she and I, along with her partner, went for a long bike ride along the Hudson River, which is a few blocks from my office, Dyslexia Works New York. It was really fun and the perfect end for a very effective program week.

Her treatment started on November 29, and I was just so inspired and impressed with her poise and her calm. She wrote to me after her diagnosis, and we have exchanged messages ever since. About the Davis tools she received with the program, she has reported that she is using her tools regularly and that they are a real Godsend throughout her visits to doctors and during treatment.

To learn more about the Empire State Ride and Roswell Park Cancer research, click this link: empirestateride.com.

"Thank you so much, Suzanne. I truly believe I was supposed to find out I am dyslexic. I have these beautiful (Davis) tools to help me on my journey. I am blessed to have this in my life at this moment, to help my mind. Mostly my tools have been so helpful. GBY always." Maria

She and her partner went home and started diligently doing the follow-up work; the dedication they had to the follow-up work and Maria's motivation level are truly inspirational. Unpredictably, and only a few months after starting her follow-up work at home, Maria found out that she would be walking into the Roswell Park Cancer Center herself, with a diagnosis of cancer. It was a real shock for everybody. She went from fundraising and helping in the fight against cancer, to walking in the very place she was raising money to help move research and treatment forward.



GBY always — eyes on the road — one pedal at a time

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