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## Celebration on the Hill

I am going to the American Cancer Society's Action Network's Celebration on the Hill because I, like so many others, have been touched by cancer. Cancer has never entered my body, but it entered my home and changed my life completely. I was just 8 years old when my mother died of breast cancer, leaving my 6-year-old brother and me to be raised alone by my father.

Celebration on the Hill will take place on Sept. 20 in Washington, D.C. More than 4,000 ambassadors and thousands of other volunteers from around the country will gather on Capitol Hill to show our legislative members that we care about cancer issues and that we want their support when it comes to cancer legislation.

The people in the Bangor area have been a wonderful example of what a community can do in the fight against cancer. From the Old Town Relay for Life, which raises upward of \$200,000 for the American Cancer Society each year, to support programs offered by local hospitals and businesses, the cancer patients in our area have a wonderful community on their side. As a child of cancer and as a Relay for Life participants in Old Town, and at the University of Maine, I have seen what the Greater Bangor community has done for the fight against cancer and I am both proud and thankful.

I ask for more than what my community has given me in the past 12 years, and that is their continued support. If you would like more information about Celebration on the Hill, please visit: [www.celebrationonthehill.org](http://www.celebrationonthehill.org).

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