

## ESSENCE T. WHITE

Looking at Essence White now, you could not imagine what she has been through. Diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in 2014, Essence was a senior in high school and looked forward to graduation. Instead, she was faced with cancer and a 40% chance of survival.



It took three rounds of chemotherapy before Essence's cancer went into remission. Afterward, she received a stem cell transplant and remained in the hospital for several more months. While successful, Essence's treatment weakened her bones and her ability to walk—causing her to undergo physical therapy.

Thanks to her team of doctors at Columbia, and with the support of **Hope & Heroes**, Essence has been cancer free since 2016. She credits Columbia's Child Life Specialists for keeping her busy and helping her remain optimistic about her prognosis (and her future) during her months-long stay in the hospital.

When you support **Hope & Heroes**, your donation helps ensure that patients like Essence have access to the newest and most advanced treatments so they can enjoy as much of their lives as possible—please donate today!

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## PATIENT STORIES

For companies partnering with **Hope & Heroes** in support of

**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

*Storytelling is a powerful tool you can incorporate in communications with customers and employees during the September campaign. Every cancer patient has a unique perspective on the disease and its impact. Telling the stories of individual children and families impacted by cancer makes our work real and so much more compelling for donors.*

*\* Each of these patients and their families has granted permission for their story and photo to be shared by Hope & Heroes and its partners during the September campaign.*