

Survivor hopes film inspires others



Mike Lang has produced a documentary that he hopes will give a unique look at a young adult's struggle with cancer.

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A young Calgary cancer survivor is using the art of film to express the unique issues that young adults face when they are diagnosed with the disease.

Mike Lang's film 'Wrong Way to Hope' is being screened in hospitals across North America to bring awareness to doctors and nurses, and hope to survivors and their families.

Lang made the film after successful treatment for Hodgkins Lymphoma.

He says that he felt like he had asthma. "I kept going back to the doctor to try different asthma medications and nothing was working and finally they said maybe we should take a chest x-ray and that's when they found the grapefruit size tumour in the middle of my chest."

His wife Bonnie said she was shocked when she heard his diagnosis. "It was just not what we expected at all."

The documentary itself follows a kayaking trip with eight young adult cancer survivors who talk about their experiences in battling the disease.

Lang wanted to make the film because when he was sitting in the chemo room and saw everyone else in their 50s or 60s. "You think you're the only young adult that's been diagnosed with cancer."

He wanted to make the film to help educate people about the unique issues they will face when they find out they have cancer.

"You're trying to move out on your own and become your own person and separate from your parents and find your own identities and a lot of times you're forced to go back home, you're forced to be back with your parents," Lang says.

The documentary cost \$18,000 to make, and most of that money was raised by the survivors themselves.

For more information about the documentary or to purchase a copy, visit www.wrongwaytohope.com.



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