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CATHERINE TATE

Dear Sir/Madam

In May 1996, after her desperate 14-month fight to survive, I lost my daughter to a complex mix of four types of cancer, just two weeks after her 17th birthday. I learned subsequently that cancer in 13 – 24 year-olds behaves 'differently' and can frequently strike in dangerous and difficult forms, often requiring harsh surgery and/or very intensive treatment in an attempt to save lives. As a tribute to my heroic daughter, the Laura Crane Trust was born in October 1996, to help prevent other young people and families from going through such horrific and tragic experiences. An ex-teacher myself, I then found myself in a very different place and I have worked without salary for the last 14 years to ensure that as much of our income as possible goes to our charitable aims.

The Laura Crane Youth Cancer Trust is the only UK charity dedicated to funding research specifically into cancers affecting 13 – 24 year-olds and through various support mechanisms we also do what we can to lighten the load of these young people during their frequent and debilitating stays in 29 UK hospitals.

Because our charity exists solely for the benefit of young people, we do all we can to encourage young people to get behind us and support our dedicated fight against cancer in their own age group – or one they will soon grow into. Primary and upper schools, colleges, universities and other youth organisations have done so much to help us already and we need this support to continue, 'in shades'!

Youth Against Cancer Week (13 – 19 December 2010) is the ideal time to get involved, as collectively, thousands of young people throughout the country will be doing all they can for the fight against cancer in young people.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter and I hope you will join us in the fight.

Yours sincerely,

Jacquie Roeder
Founder and Chair of Trustees

fighting cancer in young people