

Meredith Moore and the Greatest Fight of Her Life

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It’s hard to get through life without coming face to face with Murphy’s Law: If something can go wrong, it probably will. New York Life agent **Meredith Moore**, LUTCF, Greater Atlanta Office, knows that all too well.

At 32, Moore has accomplished a great deal. A New York Life agent since 1998, she is a Registered Representative through NYLIFE Securities and is an Investment Adviser with Eagle Strategies Corp., our Registered Investment Advisory subsidiary. She owns Moore & Associates Wealth Management, and has consistently qualified for MDRT and Executive Council. She is a wife, mother and a triathlete.

And, by the way, Meredith Moore is a brain cancer survivor.

Lucky to Live One Year. On June 1, 2005, just five weeks after the birth of her son Erik, Moore was diagnosed with glioblastoma. This malignant and deadly type of brain tumor was the size of a woman’s fist.

Moore quickly underwent a craniotomy — brain surgery — to remove the deadly tumor. “The problem with brain surgery,” Moore explains matter-of-factly, “is that you don’t know what’s in there until you get in there.” After discovering that removing the tumor could cause loss of mobility on her left side, her surgeons removed only 50% of the tumor. Moore was told she would be lucky to live one year.

Race to Recovery. In the greatest fight of her life, Moore was not going to give up easily. She and her husband, Keith, hit the road to seek options.

The result? A marathon clinical trial, which included another craniotomy, four days of treatment that involved drilling holes into her brain and administering a drug locally to the infected areas, and 33 radiation treatments. “Most brain surgeries remove the tumor, but not all the damaged cells,” she says. The new procedure was a way to kill off the remaining damaged cells and hopefully prevent the tumor from coming back.”

In August, Duke University surgeons operated again to remove the remaining tumor. Moore was awake for most of the procedure. “It was wild,”

she recalls. “They’re poking around my right brain and I saw my left hand flying up. The doctors told me I was the most talkative of any patient they ever had. I remember telling the doctor — during the surgery — that he needed to consider long-term care insurance.”

The surgeries and the experimental drug procedure were a success. It took Moore three weeks to regain all her cognitive functions. “I have an engineering degree from Georgia Tech, and I couldn’t even make a sandwich.”

Back in the Saddle Again. For the final phase of her clinical trial, Moore and her family moved from Atlanta to Durham, N.C., to complete her radiation treatments. Constantly striving for excellence, Moore returned to work during this important recovery period, choosing to exercise her mind by continuing to serve her clients. The doctors and other patients found it entertaining as Moore closed sales while receiving radiation treatments. “I didn’t have to come back to work. I had long-term care insurance and full disability. But I love what I do.”

She also returned to competing. Moore ran two triathlons last summer and placed in the top 20% of all women in the race. “In the picture of me running, what you can’t see is the chunk of hair missing from the right side of my head. I’ll never say another word about a bad comb over. Call it karma.”

Moore’s Managing Partner, **Brian Ferguson**, adds, “Meredith has been a tremendous inspiration to me. I realized just how tough she is when she ran by me at the 2006 Race for a Cure 5K!”

Good Things Happen. When asked how the ordeal has affected her outlook on life and work, Moore states, “I’m a very different person than I was before. If I have a bad day, I don’t let it stress me out as much. But I’m more intense in other ways. I really push my clients to plan and put things in place now. Because I know personally that bad things can happen.”

On June 1, 2006, Moore officially outlived her original prognosis. In November, she turned 32-years-old, and has received clean MRIs. “That’s the best gift I can receive,” she says.

—Alex Barbieri