

Takiya Lance

In 2005 Takiya Lance went in for her annual Ob/Gyn exam, the doctors wanted to do a biopsy of a finding, when her results came back, she quickly realized that early detection was indeed a Great Thing. Going in for her yearly exam "saved her" from having to go through what was soon going to be the experience of someone who was, and still is, a very dear person to her. That same year her maternal grandmother began battling breast cancer and had a mastectomy completed only to find out not even 6 months later, she had to have surgery once again for Cervical Cancer, a bullet that Takiya had indeed dodged due to her MD's swift reaction. Her grandmother's cancer was very difficult on the family as a whole, because she was their Matriarch, the foundation to many generations of beautiful women. Takiya believes that if everyone had a place like Gilda's Club to attend, dealing with life's pressures, and the ups and downs during that time, of our lives would have been a lot easier to manage.

Takiya went on to work at a cancer center at a local hospital in MD, from 2007-2008 and became very attached to one of her regular patient's, a young woman who had a beautiful spirit and smiled through it all. Takiya's grandmother has been cancer free for 5 years though the young lady who touched her passed away from lung cancer.

Takiya is pleased to be a part of the Gilda's Club as a "Face" to raise awareness of such a wonderful organization for people touched by cancer, their families and as well as their friends.

Learn more about Takiya and support her by visiting her firstgiving page:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/takiyalance/2011facescampaign>