

“When I Walk Through the Red Doors”

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When I walk through the red doors...
I will see a new world.

I will be extremely excited that we are finally OPEN
and celebrate knowing this resource is FINALLY available --
I will be amazed.

When I walk through the red doors I will skip with happiness;
I will feel at home with my cancer family – warm and welcoming.

When I walk through the red doors there will be people who understand and won't judge.

Through the red doors, I enter into a place of solitude and peace;
finding gratitude for every day I get.

I feel safe and not alone;
I feel accepted and loved;
I feel hopeful for a better future for all those with cancer and their loved ones -
Knowing we are excited to just be together and have fun.

When I walk through the red doors I rejoice at all of the caring volunteers and staff that have
given and continue to give to those in need.
I am reminded of everyone who will benefit.

When I walk through the red doors I feel certain I'll be transformed back to my cancer struggle
and will likely begin weeping.
But warmth, friendship, hope, and a sense of ease will surround me.

And for the first time...my heart will pound with excitement
knowing that WE DID IT!
A celebratory shout will follow, “WE did it! WE opened the doors!!!”

When I walk through the red doors I think of the journey to paint these doors
and everyone who made it happen.

When I walk through the red doors I will be greeted with the smell of warm chocolate chip
cookies letting me know I am in a place just like home – I will feel peaceful and happy.

When I walk through the red doors,
I click my heels...click...click...click.
The universe spins;
And I am a little bit closer to home.

Life can begin again.