

2023 Honorary Survivor – Boyd Huppert

During my 39 years spent working as a reporter, I have told the stories of cancer patients hundreds of times. Yet I never expected my story to take that same turn. Cancer arrived in my life in September of 2020, when I was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. Six months of chemo followed. On April 15, 2020, I underwent a bone marrow transplant. The next three weeks were the most difficult of my life. Then, I started feeling better.



I owe much to my wife, Sheri, for being my caregiver when I was unable to care for myself. My KARE 11 co-workers have been an incredible source of support, including showing up en masse in my driveway with signs, balloons, and a cake on my 60th birthday. As I've returned to work fulltime, I continue to receive chemo infusions every other week at the University of Minnesota. I relish the Thursday morning trips to the U. For as long as the chemo keeps working, I can continue to work a job that I love, travel, and spend precious time with my family.

My first grandchild, Tess, was born a month before my transplant. I pray God grants me the privilege of watching her grow up.

Great strides have been made in the treatment of Multiple Myeloma. Fundraisers like the Relay for Life are a vital source of continued support. I'm honored to be part of this year's event.