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This past spring, we invited our Swim Across America team leaders from across the country to a National Summit in Boston for brainstorming, motivation and inspiration. There, all of the event directors were joined by two very special guests: cancer survivors, Ford Prime & Kate Winne.

It was a highlight to have Kate and Ford with us - not only because they represent the millions of people we aim to help, but also because they are proof that our formula is working. The funds our swimmers and sponsors raised literally funded their clinical trials. Kate and Ford were diagnosed with different types of cancer and were treated at different hospitals, but both are alive today because of Swim Across America.

At the Summit, Ford shared with us all the wedding anniversary milestones he has achieved post-treatment and all the grandchildren he never would have met. Kate shared with us all the lessons "the Big C" taught her about living, about being embraced by her community and having the courage to battle against the disease.

"At Swim Across America, cancer is alienated from all of the positive energy that humans can generate when focused on a common enemy. We have hope in seemingly hopeless circumstances. We work and participate and volunteer to help people we do not know and may never know. Against these collective efforts, cancer doesn't stand a chance."

Ford and Kate both inspired all of us to continue with our incredibly valuable work in the fight against cancer. In 2014, we raised more money than ever before and even ventured into international waters for the first time, with two English Relay Channel teams! This year, we plan to grow exponentially not only by adding more open water swims, but also by attempting to break the Guinness Book of World Records by hosting the largest multi-city swim meet in history!

None of this would be possible without each and every one of you. On behalf of the Swim Across America family, thank you. You help keep this organization growing and making a difference in the lives of many people. We pledge to remain united and to continue with our mission of "Making Waves to Fight Cancer."

Sincerely,



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