

## CARING FOR CARCINOID: MY STORY



out this slow-growing cancer was probably in my system since college causing various problems.

Today I feel better, but have days when my system is not working too well.

Carcinoid is a rare, deadly neuroendocrine cancer. For many people this cancer has no cure as surgery at this point is the only way to get rid of this disease fully. For me surgery took care of the malignancy, yet for Nancy O'Hagan (pictured with me), President of the *Caring for Carcinoid Foundation*,

surgery is/was not an option. Her cancer is in her bones and liver. At 29 years of age she too was "not too young" to have this deadly disease that was possibly going to take her life back in 2000. Today she has made finding a cure for Carcinoid her mission, therefore founding the *Caring for Carcinoid Foundation* with her husband Patrick. I joined CFCF in 2006 and have helped raise money and recently joined the Patient Board of Advisors.

**I**n May 2004, at age thirty, I was told I had a rare Cancer of my colon called Carcinoid cancer. Upon having a colonoscopy a strange nodule was found and surgery needed to be performed. I went through surgery very well having a portion of my colon removed, as well as my appendix and numerous malignant lymph nodes.

I am so blessed that the doctor I had was so on top of things, because I had many doctors before who said, "You're too young." Well I wasn't too young and come to find

Please join Nancy and I for a presentation on this rare type of cancer on:

**Tuesday, March 13th**

**2:00 PM**

**Dining Room at Marillac**

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