

In an e-mail to me, she wrote that she intends to "maintain my honor and dignity that I have worked so hard to build as I stand up for what I believe in. As far as I know, no one [else] will mark this event. I looked at Ghandi, Jesus, Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, and many, many others and saw that our world would be very different if they did not act on their beliefs. How can I expect others to act, if I will not? How can I let another anniversary slip into history without honoring those who [have] died [from cancer]? I need to know that I did everything in my power to raise the issue of cancer. I want to do it for those who cannot -- the dead, those who are unable because they are suffering with cancer, and those who are afraid. Rather than focus on the 'negative' side of cancer, I will focus on the power each of us has -- the ability to act on our beliefs -- and launching the 'Campaign of Commitment' to save lives through cooperation, prevention, research, and positive action."

The Amber's Alliance Foundation has extensive information about the hopes and plans that Patti, who is also an author, a public speaker, and an expert in mediation and conflict resolution, has for the organization. There is an interesting and well-designed online survey about attitudes and recommendations that visitors are encouraged to take (results are being tabulated and will serve in Patti's advocacy efforts), a touching visual history of Amber's struggle with cancer, and links to other sources of information.

For more information,

Amber's Alliance Foundation  
<http://www.ambersalliance.org>

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