When Azadeh was diagnosed with cancer at age 7, doctors in her native Iran cautioned that her chances of survival were minimal.

Still her mother brought her halfway around the world to UC Davis, where four years of treatments and surgeries took their toll on her body and her childhood, but ultimately reversed the disease.

Azadeh might have turned away from her grueling past. Instead she chose to embrace it. Today, as a volunteer for support programs at UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center, she helps other young people facing similar cancer challenges. Here, she offers others not only access to practical resources, but also something more profound: a survivor’s understanding and empathy.

To learn more about Azadeh’s enduring strength and the region’s one National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, visit cancer.ucdavis.edu

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