The lives we touch inspire us

A tumble during tee-ball practice led to Francesca’s first cancer diagnosis at age 6. X-rays revealed a bone cancer that afflicts only three in every million children. With chemotherapy, a titanium prosthesis and Francesca’s own determination, UC Davis specialists saved her life and limb.

When leukemia struck at age 8, she underwent a rare stem cell transplant at UC Davis and more chemotherapy. Only four years later, Francesca and her UC Davis team fought another type of cancer seen primarily in adults.

Today the college freshman is also a dancer, artist, writer – and an accomplished public speaker about cancer awareness. One of her many life goals? To become a pharmacist, so she can help ease suffering for others.

To learn more about how Francesca inspires the latest in personalized, collaborative care at the region’s one National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, visit cancer.ucdavis.edu

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