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### **I See You, Mama**

*A Young Mother's War Against Childhood Cancer*

**GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, January 2, 2023** – When six-month old baby Dakota was diagnosed with leukemia, her mother's world was set ablaze with anguish and despair. As a new mom, Shari Ann Almeida was living a beautiful life that in an instant was destroyed and would never be the same again.

Dakota would go on to endure the torture of surgeries and chemotherapy agents designed for the toughest of grown men. Funding for childhood cancer is very low and the drugs used to treat pediatric patients are highly toxic. Often, parents are told that if the cancer doesn't kill their child, the treatments likely will.

Almeida would spend many lonely days and nights in a hospital with Dakota. Her husband, Dakota's dad Kodi Almeida, would often sleep in his car in the hospital parking lot because only one parent could stay in the room. Ripped from their home and the life they knew, they became "warrior parents", forced to place their baby girl into the arms of doctors and nurses who would whisk her away, cut her open, and pump her full of poison to try to kill her leukemia.

Throughout the journey, Almeida felt alone, isolated from the rest of the world and the friends and family she loved dearly. She began to notice that other cancer moms were feeling the same sorrow and loneliness she felt and soon realized that they were all a part of a "club" they never wanted to join.

Determined to help other parents, she formed a group called "Warrior Moms United by Pediatric Cancer" (which now also includes "Warrior Dads"). With chapters throughout the United States, her passion for these parents and the fight against childhood cancer are relentless.

Almeida has authored a book set to be released on February 1, 2023. "I See You" details the agonizing months and years of her daughter's cancer treatments with brutal honesty. It is the first in a series of books written to help other cancer parents feel seen.

"There is not a soul on this earth who understands the insanity of a warrior parent like another warrior parent," Almeida said. The Kindle version of her book went live for pre-sale on December 30 and within hours, it was already listed as number one on Amazon's new releases. Information about pre-sale orders for paperback and hardcover is available at <https://wariormomsunited.com> or <https://www.bellasteri.com>.