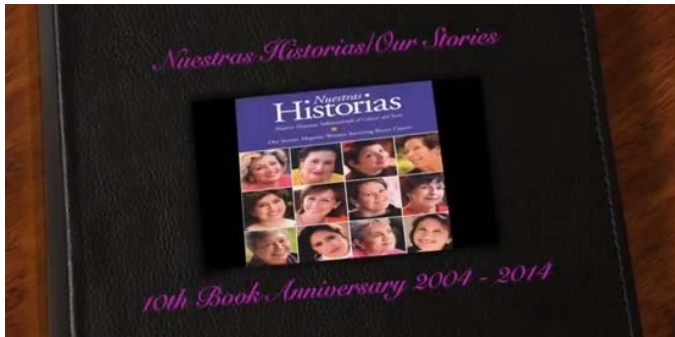


# ***Nuestras Historias: 10 Years Later!***



*Here is what some Latina cancer survivors have been up to in the last 10 years since sharing their stories in Nuestras Historias: Mujeres Hispanas Sobreviviendo el Cáncer del Seno (Our Stories: Hispanic Women Surviving Breast Cancer)!*

## **Tanya Enriquez**

### **1. How would you describe your current breast health?**

Since the book's publication, I have been completely cancer free. I am happy to say that I am a 17-year cancer survivor!!

### **2. How did the experience of being featured in the book impact your life and your family's life?**

After the book was featured, people would come up to me and ask if they knew me, it was after much deliberation that they realized they had seen my story. From that conversation would be generated and ultimately either a congratulations for a hug because they had a family member that had or was going through cancer at that time. Plus, my picture is in Sandra San Miguel's office so I get "recognized" often. ;)

### **3. Is there anything that you know now that you wish you had known when you were diagnosed with cancer? Why?**

I wish I had known about egg harvesting. I am not able to have children and if I had my eggs harvested I may have been able to have a surrogate carry our child.

### **4. What advice do you have for other women recently diagnosed with breast cancer?**

If you have not had children, harvest your eggs. Try to keep your life as normal as possible. Remember this is a fight for YOUR life: fight hard and

smart. And remember, this hurdle is temporary and you WILL come out stronger in the end and a NEW and better YOU.

**5. What accomplishments/milestones have you experienced in the past 10 years that you're proud/grateful for?**

I have earned my master's degree in counseling, married my prince charming, and traveled the world with him.

**6. What does survivorship mean to you?**

It means respecting every day that you are cancer-free and passing on that strength to other men/women going through it. Looking at care givers and letting them know that they are more precious than they know and saying thank you!!! It means loving the YOU that has and is continuing to survive.

**7. What challenges, if any, do you still face as a survivor?**

I don't actually feel like I have any challenges due to breast cancer, at this stage. I guess my only challenge is not being able to have children.

**8. What are your hopes for the near future?**

Mine and my husband's hopes are to adopt a child and live out the rest of our lives simply living out our dreams.