From early on, Letty Kaufman was determined not to be a “statistic.” Growing up in poverty, her childhood was troubled. Her baby sister was her inspiration to survive hardship, pursue her dreams, and love unconditionally. She has always been focused on sharing her journey with others in order to help them realize what they are able to achieve, no matter the circumstances.

By volunteering with ICAN, Kaufman has found the perfect outlet working with the teen community and is rewarded constantly by seeing the true impact she is able to have on their lives. She is also one of the charity’s ambassadors, serving with The Heroes, the group that focuses on philanthropic events and donation drives.

Kaufman has also found an outlet through her career, helping members of the credit union that are dealing with financial hardships. And she has written a book about her childhood that she hopes to have published this year.

The words this cancer survivor lives by come from Henry Ford, “Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right.” It’s all about mindset.