Emily Whitehead was the first pediatric patient in the world to receive CAR-T cell therapy. In 2012, at just six years old and facing relapsed acute lymphoblastic leukemia with no remaining options, she became the pioneer whose treatment opened a new era in cancer care. Her journey and the unwavering advocacy of her parents continues to inspire patients and families across every type of blood cancer.

Today we want to offer a heartfelt thank you to Tom Whitehead for sharing his family's inspirational story with the Central New Jersey Multiple Myeloma Support Group.

Even though our diagnoses differ, Emily's story has touched so many of us. The courage, resilience, and lasting hope that shine through the Whitehead family's experience lift our spirits and remind us what is possible. Your willingness to share those moments with our group has meant more than words can fully express—our members carry that powerful story with them every day.

Thank you, Tom, for the gift of your time, your honesty, and your family's strength. It truly makes a difference.