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diagnosed 2005

"It appears as though you have Optic Neuritis," I was told. I had never heard of those words before that day. The optometrist then went on to tell me that I should see an ophthalmologist for a definitive diagnosis. Since the pain had begun in my eye, I was certainly going to follow her advice. The ophthalmologist confirmed the diagnosis and recommended an MRI due to the close relationship of Optic Neuritis to multiple sclerosis. After the MRI came back normal, I was told to have regular MRIs in order to detect the development of any lesions. The year was 2005.

Soon thereafter I moved, changed jobs, had my second child and of course had to deal with the life changing event known as Hurricane Katrina. The thought of regular MRIs fell to the wayside – out of sight, out of mind.

In almost the blink of an eye it was 2008. I received an invitation from a new MRI facility that wanted to do business with my law firm. In an effort to display their new machines, I was offered an MRI. I don't think the MRI tech had any idea of what they were getting into when the MRI was done on my brain. From the look on his face, I knew that not only did they find something, but it was probably pretty significant.

Fast forward to 2014. Life is great and the mantra of "MS doesn't control me, I control MS" is more important than ever. What makes this possible is the hard work of countless volunteers, researchers, doctors, support staff and the list could go on forever. Their work, however, wouldn't be possible without the tireless fundraising efforts of people all over the world. To all of those who work so hard to find a cure while making those living with MS more comfortable and independent in their lives – **THANK YOU AND RIDE ON!**



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