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"Survival to Strength: Morgan Sisters Highlighted at CIBC Caribbean Walk for the Cure"

Kingston, Jamaica — October 6, 2024 – In a moving tribute to strength and sisterhood, two remarkable women, Danielle Morgan and Alicia Morgan, were honoured at the 13th annual CIBC Caribbean Walk for the Cure for their extraordinary bravery in their fight against breast cancer.

Among the hundreds of participants at Hope Botanical Gardens, the sisters' powerful story resonated deeply, inspiring all in attendance.

Danielle Morgan, a Florida-based mother of three and a two-time breast cancer thriver, shared her emotional journey with the crowd. Diagnosed at just 33 years old in 2016, Danielle's diagnosis came during a routine doctor's exam — a moment that forever changed her life. Despite being taught how to perform self-breast exams, she had not detected the lump herself. "It wasn't through my monthly self-checks that I found the lump," Danielle recalled. "Instead, it was discovered by my doctor. I was confident I was fine, so when I was told otherwise, it became an overwhelming and tragic self-discovery moment."

Her battle has been long and difficult. Between 2016 and 2019, Danielle underwent nine surgeries, including a lumpectomy, cold knife cone biopsy, port implant, appendectomy, colon reconstruction, and port removal. In addition to the unwavering support of her children, family, and friends, she leaned heavily on her faith in God, drawing strength from her Christian beliefs.

"My faith in Almighty God carried me through the darkest moments," she said. Danielle continues to thrive through her deep connection with her family and faith.

In 2019, just three years after her initial diagnosis, Danielle was diagnosed again — this time with a more aggressive form of breast cancer, Triple Negative. "The second time around, my family was all in. Their love and support were unwavering," she shared. "I have been cancer-free for five years now, and by the grace of Almighty God, I hope to remain cancer-free for the rest of my life."

Alicia Morgan, who works at CIBC Caribbean, Jamaica and resides in Kingston, stood by her sister's side — not just as a sibling but as a fellow survivor. Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022 at age 37, Alicia also underwent a double mastectomy with reconstructive surgery, walking a similar path to her sister. Despite having Danielle as her "breast cancer coach," she admitted nothing could fully prepare her for the emotional toll that came after her surgeries and treatments.

"Even with my very own breast cancer coach, I was unprepared for the feelings and emotions that followed," Alicia shared. "But with continuous prayers, love, patience, and encouragement, I was able to pull through the depression. I will be forever thankful for my community — my family and friends."

The Morgan sisters' journey has created a unique understanding of empathy and experience, and despite the overwhelming challenges, their bond has grown stronger. "Our shared journey has made our bond stronger," Danielle said. "We are there for each other in any way needed. We love and care dearly for each other."

The sisters' story is ongoing, as their youngest sister, Mesha Morgan, is currently battling cancer. As they supported one another, they now stand together to support Mesha in her fight. Their recognition at the Walk for the Cure was not only a celebration of their bravery but also a powerful reminder of the importance of early detection, community support, and resilience in the fight against breast cancer.

As the day unfolded at Hope Botanical Gardens, the Morgan sisters' story touched the hearts of many, offering hope and inspiration to others facing their own battles.

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Breast Cancer Survivors - Sisters Alicia and Danille Morgan at the 2024 CIBC Caribbean Walk for The Cure 5K Run/Walk at Hope Gardens on Sunday, October 6, 2024

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