

Student Contributing to

Community Impact

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Barry Senior Orianna Camargo Raising Awareness of Cancer

There are certain instances when the best way to help others is to first help ourselves.

Barry graduating senior Orianna Camargo indicated this as she shared a deeply personal account of how she started volunteering with the American Cancer Society.

“My dad was battling cancer since last year,” she said, “and he actually passed away three months ago. So I thought I needed to heal and I needed to find a way to not have so much hate or anger toward cancer.”

She started this journey for herself, but as she walked farther along the road, she said she realized just how many people have been touched by cancer.

“I thought it was going to be very selfish on my part to do it just for myself; so I decided to do it for Barry,” Camargo said.

With her father as inspiration, Camargo contacted the American Cancer Society and told them she wanted to volunteer.

The American Cancer Society funds and conducts research, shares expert information, supports patients, and spreads the word about prevention.



The fruits of her labor were on full display on November 10 at Rolling Oaks Park in Miami Gardens. She organized a cancer walk to raise awareness of the disease. Barry students, faculty, and staff supported the event.

She plans to continue to support the work of the American Cancer Society after she graduates from Barry.

“My dad showed me after fighting for a year that the people who are still here fight every single day to have one more day to live,” Camargo said.

Community service in general is important to her and has helped to shape her character. A student-athlete, she currently serves as president of the campus-based Fellowship for Christian Athletes.

Orianna’s message to anyone who will listen is, “We only live once, and even though we think we have all the time in the world, people run out of time every single day.”

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