



Blog Book Tour: Leading US Economist Publishes Story of Heart Ache and Healing

As a Gift to His Young Daughter, Dr. Chad Moutray Chronicles Life with his Late Wife

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Las Vegas, Dec. 15, 2008 – On Monday January 12, 2009, Fight Pink is participating in a Blog Book Tour with Dr. Chad Moutray. *My Life with Laura: A Love Story* is a heart felt memoir written for Charlotte, the couple's daughter.

In May 2006, Chad's beloved wife Laura was diagnosed with stage-three triple-negative breast cancer. She underwent chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery – but despite her courage and her doctors' best efforts, the disease spread. Laura passed away in November of 2007, leaving behind Chad and the couple's then two-year old daughter, Charlotte.

"I realized that Charlotte would probably not remember her mother, and if she did, it would unfortunately be the mother who was sick with cancer," said Dr. Moutray. "This inspired me to put my life with Laura on paper, so that Charlotte would grow up better knowing her mother."

Stacy Martello of Fight Pink was more than honored to have Fight Pink participate in the Blog Book tour. "I wanted to showcase this memoir, and the amazing life that Chad is documenting within this memoir. Even though Laura has left this earth, she left behind a legacy. Even though her life ended, her legacy will live on," Martello said.

The memoir also proved therapeutic for Chad. "My life completely changed with my wife's diagnosis, and in a very short period of time, I lost my wife and became a single father. Writing about my life with Laura helped me to recover from my loss, allowing me to move on."

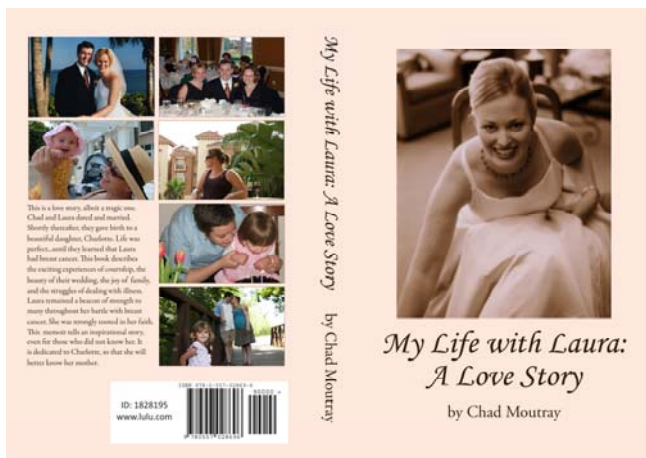
Martello said she wanted to showcase this memoir that Chad wrote, because it is important to see the other side of the story, the story through the eyes of the families, loved ones, care givers, and friends.

"We often don't see the stories from the circles of influence that surround the ones stricken with Cancer. I feel it is very important, to understand what your circles of

influence are feeling, and Chad portrays his love and pain with such amazing strength and grace. I am thankful for each and every day that we can share experiences like his with the world, and make a difference,” Martello said.

My Life with Laura: A Love Story was written in private, usually at night after Charlotte went to bed. Though Charlotte will have to grow up without her mother physically present, Laura’s legacy and memory will live on through this memoir.

My Life with Laura: A Love Story is available on Lulu.com as a paperback book or a download; see <http://www.lulu.com/content/1828195>. On the Lulu website, the entire prologue of the book can be previewed. Dr. Moutray has also created a special page on his personal blog to discuss the book; see <http://moutray.wordpress.com/my-memoir>.



About the Author

Chad Moutray is a native of Mattoon, Illinois, but he currently lives in Alexandria, Virginia, with his daughter Charlotte. They are active members of the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, and he will be the president of the National Economists Club in DC in 2009. Prior to joining the SBA, he was the dean of the School of Business Administration at Robert Morris College in Chicago. He has baccalaureate and master’s degrees in economics from Eastern Illinois University and a Ph.D. in economics from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. In 2007, he was named a Distinguished Alumni by Lake Land College in Mattoon (IL), where he earned an associate degree in business administration.

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