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Opening Remarks: Applying the Daffodil Principle to CML Advocacy

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Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Dad, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over."

I wanted to go, but it is two-hours away to her house. "I will come next Tuesday", I promised a little reluctantly on her third call.

Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and reluctantly went there. When I finally walked into her house I was welcomed by the joyful sounds of happy children. I delightedly hugged and greeted my grandchildren.

"Forget the daffodils, there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see!"

My daughter smiled calmly and said, "Dad, I promise, you will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience.

" After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small winding road...."

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We each took a child's hand, and I followed my daughter down the path. Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight!"

"It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the land and all its surroundings."

"The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink and saffron, and butter yellow. Each different coloured variety was planted in large groups so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five hectares of flowers."

Who did this?" I asked.

"Just one woman," my daughter answered.

"She lives on the property, that's her home," pointing to a well-kept house, modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory.

We walked up to the house...

On the patio, we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking", was the sign.

The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 flowers," it read.
The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and very little brain."
The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than fifty years before, had begun, one daffodil at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure land.

Planting one flower at a time, year after year, this unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration.

The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration:

Learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things.

We can make a difference.

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- **Group Photo Details:**
- **When:** Sunday at 10:30 AM
- **Where:** Main conference room

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