



A man with cancer. His 1 lb. newborn.
And their fight for life.

TOUCHED BY HANNAH

FILMMAKER - SPEAKER - AUTHOR

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Chris Hennessy still battled life-threatening side-effects after almost dying three days post-radical prostatectomy cancer surgery, and blood tests revealed cancer continued to invade his body. Then his daughter entered the world prematurely. Hannah classified as a micro-preemie—weighing only one pound, nine ounces—and had only a 40% chance of surviving. Doctors said that if she survived, her odds for having a normal, healthy life were far from favorable.



For months, Hannah and Chris fought for their lives. Chris, nauseous and weak from daily radiation treatments, planted himself at Hannah's incubator and stayed late into the evenings, long after the other parents had left. Hannah's miniscule hand latched onto her daddy's pointer finger and held it for hours at a time while Chris sang improvised songs and prayers. Not only had the daddy-daughter bonding experience begun, but the daddy-daughter healing experience had as well.

Project Details

- Memoir, approximately 50,000 words
- Manuscript to be completed by April 2024
- Target audience – young adult females, though later adulthood females, males with prostate cancer, their spouses, friends and relatives.
- The screenplay for a possible movie for Netflix or the big screen will likely follow.



Story Exposure

- *Yolo YoYo's*, a cable TV series Chris produced that features his daughter, Hannah, received the award for best new TV series in 2019 in Sacramento, California. Series episodes have reached 125,000 followers on Facebook (TV stats not available).
- Since 2019, *Yolo YoYo's* has been featured on four broadcasts of CBS's GoodDay Sacramento, and six articles Chris wrote appeared in local NorCal newspapers.
- The Touched by Hannah story was featured on NBC TV, KGO-810 San Francisco, and reached tens of thousands on social media.
- A thirteen-minute documentary, produced as a trailer film for *Touched by Hannah*, has received awards at the 2022 ACM West Coast Region WAVE Cable TV Awards and at the 2022 Manhattan Film Festival in New York City.

About Chris Hennessy

- Full-time independent filmmaker, author, and speaker
- Serves on the board of directors at California Writers Club, Sacramento
- Producer, writer, and director of multiple national award-winning films
- Has produced 1500+ films for companies such as Google, SF49ers, Apple Computer, eBay, Stanford University, Office Max, and more

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