



Chris Hennessy battled life-threatening side effects after almost dying three days post-radical prostatectomy cancer surgery (Aug 3, 2009). The doctor told Chris they got all of it, but subsequent blood tests soon revealed a grim reality--the cancer was still present, continuing its invasion of his body.

His daughter was due Dec 7 but entered the world prematurely on Sept 1, 2009. Hannah was classified as a micro-preemie weighing only one pound, nine ounces—with a fifty percent chance of surviving. Doctors said that if she lived, her odds of having a normal, healthy life were poor.

For months, Hannah and Chris fought for their lives. Chris would still plant himself at Hannah's incubator, staying late into most nights, long after the other parents had left.

The only physical contact with Hannah was reaching an arm into the small hole on the side of her incubator. Hannah's minuscule hand latched onto her daddy's pointer finger and held it for hours while Chris sang improvised songs and prayers.

*“The odds were that one or both of us wouldn't make it. Tomorrow would be a frightening thought. However, when living in the moment, there wasn't a tomorrow. And when tomorrow doesn't exist, there's no stressing about it. I felt honored, blessed, and cherished every second I sat there, Touched by Hannah.”*

## Project Details

- Memoir, 62,453 words
- Manuscript is being proofread.
- Target audience – young adult females, though later adulthood females, families who've experienced premature birth, and folks with cancer, their spouses, friends, and relatives.
- The screenplay for a Netflix movie will be completed after the book is published.



Nice. Great work. I'm amazed at the progress in your writing. You've turned into an excellent writer

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Okay, Chris, It's an uplifting story, and I enjoyed the journey with you.

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## Story Exposure

The story's reach has been profound. The thirteen-minute documentary, *Miracles on College Street*, Hennessy produced to promote *Touched by Hannah*, captured the essence of the narrative, took the 'Film Heals' award (most inspirational) at the 2022 Manhattan Film Festival, New York City. *Miracles* was a top-five finalist documentary at Manhattan and runner-up, 'Best Episode West Coast,' at the 2022 ACM Western Region WAVE Cable TV Awards.

These accolades, along with the attention from media outlets--newspapers, NBC TV News, KGO-810 radio San Francisco, and thousands of social media followers, demonstrate the universal appeal of Hannah's story.

## About Chris Hennessy

- Full-time independent filmmaker, author, and speaker
- Serves on the board of directors at California Writers Club, Sacramento
- Featured speaker at three writer's conferences and several writer groups since 2023.
- Producer, writer, director, and editor of multiple award-winning films.
- Has professionally produced 1500+ films for companies such as Google, SF 49ers, eBay, Stanford University, Office Max, Folsom State Prison, and more. (retired in 2018)
- Hennessy's flourishing newsletter, *HennSchtick*, has published monthly since Aug 2023.

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