

Christine Handy

Model, Spokesperson, Speaker, Author,
and most importantly,
Cancer Survivor and Advocate

About Christine Danis Handy

Christine Handy is a wife and mother living between Dallas, Texas and Miami, Florida.

After a series of health crises – including breast cancer – Handy has devoted herself to sharing her journey with others, while educating and consoling them. In this pursuit, she authored, *Walk Beside Me*, a fictional depiction of her illness and her long road to recovery, which is set for release on May 1, 2016.

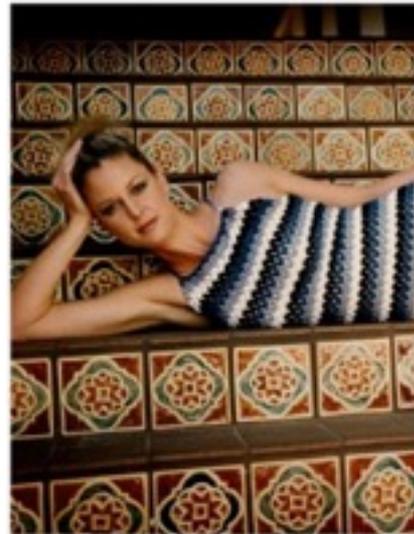
Handy has two sons whose devotion through all her illnesses continues to humble and astound her. Christine's family has been a rock, a comfort, and a blessing during hard times. In the immortal words of Princess Diana, "Family is the most important thing in the world."



Modeling Career

An accomplished model in both the national and international sphere, Handy began modeling at the tender age of 11 in her hometown of St. Louis, Missouri. Through her career, she has done campaigns for notable brands including Guess, J. Crew, JC Penney, Bud Light, Pepsi, Petco and Target.

Modeling up until her cancer diagnosis, Handy now aims to serve as a spokesperson, speaker and Ambassador for cancer-related causes.



Modeling Career



Walk Beside Me

Walk Beside Me is the story of one woman's journey from a world of labels and superficiality to a far richer world of friendship, loyalty and love.

Willow Adair has a picture-perfect life – or so it seems. A stunning model-turned-wife-and-mother, she lives in a beautiful home with her husband and two kids in historic Bexley, one of the wealthiest neighborhoods in Cleveland, Ohio. On the outside, she has everything. On the inside, she struggles with issues of self worth.

Spurned by her neglectful husband and hated by her rebellious teen daughter, Willow never feels she is good enough. She fears everyone she loves will leave. Piece by piece, the cornerstones of Willow's life begin to crumble. A routine colon operation goes horribly wrong, leaving her bleeding and alone on the long road to recovery. A yoga injury leads to a series of surgeries and misdiagnoses, ultimately ending in a full wrist fusion and permanent loss of motion in her right arm. And then, as if she hasn't suffered enough: Willow is diagnosed with breast cancer. Convinced that no one will stand by her for one more day of sickness and depressions, she prepares to end her life.

That's where the Angels come in.

Willow's friends are a tour de force. They go with her to chemo. They come and sleep over at her house. They lift her spirits when she is sad, and weep with her when she is hurting. They walk beside her quite literally, on sidewalks from Cleveland to Miami. And they walk beside her spiritually and emotionally, soothing her heartache, healing her self-esteem, and reminding her that every single minute of her life is abundantly worth living.

Walk Beside Me is a tale of sickness and triumph, of being comfortable in your own skin, of valuing the things that have *true* value, and of learning to fight for yourself and what you truly want. It's the story of a woman who peels away the layers to find her inner warrior, a woman who faces insurmountable odds and – thanks to her earthly Angels – learns to treasure the gift of God's infinite light and love.

Willow Adair is the fictional depiction of Christine Handy, a St. Louis-raised and Dallas-based real-life cancer survivor. Prior to her battle with cancer, Handy lived a picture-perfect life as a wife and mother, with a successful modeling career and a rich social life.

