Have you ever been in a place where you feel like you belong? A place where you’re around other people who share your feelings, or fellow fans, or other veterans at the VA, or maybe a group of friends watching a movie or a game? You may not even have realized it, but you've found something like a chipmunk effect. Sometimes, they're usually not even aware of it. It's especially true if you've had chronic illness; something that belongs there really now there.

The U.S. Pain Foundation and its members have experienced a chipmunk effect, and it has led to a significant change. I met my sister, and I took my daughter, Emily, to the Pediatric Take Control of Your Pain Retreat at the Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Walking into the lobby of that enormous resort, I found myself starting to slip away. When I first walked in, I realized people already started to act. Emily, with whom I shared a walk, and I often have to wear a breathing mask. So we put on the masks.

Walking down a hallway toward the registration table, I felt the tears starting to flow. I couldn't control them. This is what we know.

There were hugs and everyone talked about the last party we went to or the last event we attended. I saw tears, examples of wolf ears to wear. At first I felt a bit silly, but I realized people already stared.

You're rewound to opening statements. If one day you feel like you belong?

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