

# Va. cancer victim thanks dairy for free milk

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It turned out to be a prescription for recovery.

For six months at no charge, a dairy shipped refrigerated cases of chocolate milk to a 21-year-old [Virginia](#) man who craved it while undergoing chemotherapy.

John Rust, now free of cancer, visited Cream O'Weber's Salt Lake City office Friday to introduce himself and say thanks.

"What they did for me was unbelievable," he said.

Rust was diagnosed with [cancer](#) last December, had surgery and began chemotherapy. While in a Fairfax, Va., hospital, he told an aunt how he enjoyed Cream O'Weber's chocolate milk when he was a student at the University of Utah.

Linda Bryce called the dairy and asked if the milk could be shipped to Virginia.

"They wouldn't take a credit card or a check. I was so shocked," she said.

Two free cases a month kept coming as dairy employee Patti Butterfield checked on Rust's recovery through calls and e-mail. At one point, his weight had dropped to 130 pounds from 170.

"It was brutal. He couldn't stand or talk, and he couldn't open his eyes," Bryce said.

The first milk shipment was the "turning point in his recovery," she said.

Rust, an avid skier, plans to live in Utah.

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