Celine Dion Cancels Tour Due to Husband's Cancer





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Céline Dion will be putting off her work in show business for a while, cancelling her Asia tour and Las Vegas shows. The singer wants to be with her husband, who has been battling cancer. Dion's husband René Angélil had a tumor removed from his throat last December, and she now says, "I want to devote every ounce of my strength and energy to my husband's healing, and to do so, it's important for me to dedicate this time to him and to our children." The couple has three children together, and according to <u>People</u>, the singer also has inflammation in her throat muscles, which has led to her cancelling a few shows. How do you support a partner through health scares?

Cupid's Advice:

Health scare are, well, scary! It's terrifying to not know how bad something might be or when your loved one will recover. Hospitals can be stressful and expensive, adding even more to the stress. If your partner is suffering from an illness, it might be tempting to just try and ignore it, or busy yourself with others things. However, a supportive partner would face this head-on and be there every step of the way:

1. Take time off to be with your partner. If your work schedule demands that you be away from your partner, take a page from Céline Dion's book and ask for some time off. Sickness can be terrifying, but having someone around to comfort you makes a big difference. Comfort your partner and be there as often as possible.

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2. Do more chores around the house. Make things easier for your partner and take on some of their daily chores. Cook dinner for them, make sure the house is nice and clean, and pick up anything they need from the store. Illness can drain a person's energy, and the last thing they want to use that energy for is chores. Even the small gesture of dusting or cleaning the bathroom can make a difference.

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3. Arrange for family to visit. While being there yourself is great, sometimes a person wants their family to come and comfort them. Talk to their family about visiting and maybe having them stay the night at your house so that your partner can have the extra support. Having the in-laws over for dinner one night is also a nice gesture, if they live close by.

How have you supported your partner during a health scare? Let us know in the comments!