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Curveball Beanballs 30 May 2007

Every now and then the curves life throws at you aren't just curves. They are beanballs. And beanballs have a way of bringing financial stress.

A major beanball for us was my wife's ongoing battle with cancer, now going on eight miraculous years. It was devastating initially as we lost about half our family's income just past the point we began absorbing outlandish medical expenses.

And now this year our son discovered he could graduate from high school a year early and head off to college—just when we already had two family members in higher ed.

Two was enough!

In each case we are glad we saved, and continue to save, in spite of the income and expense changes or how topsy-turvy they become. We deplete our savings in these moments while we retool our income and expenses so that they realign. Then we can begin saving again.

Whether one is getting beamed as an individual, a household or as an organization, the readiness to save at all times and to deplete those savings as a means to begin saving again is an important skill to develop. In this way each can carry their own load, even while they share one another's burdens.

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