

Rayanna Marrero



Rayanna Marrero is a six-year old Seargentsville resident, who was diagnosed with ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia) on July 17, 2007. Rayanna's prognosis was good although her treatment was grueling and heart wrenching. In addition to IV chemotherapy, Rayanna's treatment included daily oral chemotherapy, antibiotics, periodic steroid doses, spinal taps and bone marrow aspirations.

The fall of 2009 marked "the end" of treatment; however, Rayanna's monthly oncology check ups uncovered another cancer. Rayanna's ALL chemotherapy resulted in MDS, Myelodysplaxtic Syndrome, a genetic chromosomal mutation in her bone marrow that occurs in only 3% of patients treated for ALL. Now, the only hope for a cure is a bone marrow transplant and Rayanna's mother Jennifer is a match! Rayanna will now undergo even more powerful chemotherapy drugs to deplete her immune system so they can do the bone marrow transplant. Rayanna will need to be away from home and at Sloan Kettering for at least a month. Once released, she will then need to stay near the hospital for multiple doctor visits during the weeks to follow.

Please join Chain of Hope as we honor this courageous little girl Rayanna Marrero as a recipient of our 3rd Annual Golf Outing on October 4th, 2010.

The Nawrotzki Family



Lisa Nawrotzki is a 39-year-old wife and mother of three young girls (9, 7 and 5). She graduated from Hillsborough High School in 1989 and has been a fourth grade teacher in Hillsborough for the past thirteen years. She has been battling breast cancer for 3+ years that has now metastasized to Stage IV cancer spreading to other organs, including her liver.

Lisa is the type of person whose glass is always half full. She is a fighter. Despite countless trips to doctors and hospitals for scans, biopsies, and chemotherapy, she continued to work whenever possible. Unfortunately, she is going through a really tough period and has not been able to work for the past month. She recently had a blood transfusion and has been hospitalized since. This has not only been physically exhaustive but has become financially draining for the Nawrotzki family. While still grieving the loss of her mother-in-law, who passed away in February due to breast cancer, Lisa is constantly fighting for her own life.

UPDATE: Unfortunately, Lisa lost her courageous battle with cancer and passed away on June 25, 2010. Our deepest sympathies to her family and friends. She will be truly missed!

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