

The Family & Friends of David S. Williams Fund
814 Milsom Place
Windsor, California 95492

Dear Family and Friends:

First, this sounds so impersonal. It is not written to any specific person, just a generality. However, what may be lacking in a personalized greeting is not lacking in heartfelt sincerity.

All of you at one time or another have known David—known that he is a cancer survivor. Although what you may not have realized is that David's cancer, Leiomyosarcoma (LMS), is very rare. At his first diagnosis in 1994, he was one of only four to be diagnosed with this very rare soft tissue sarcoma in the United States. In 1994, the infected tissue was completely removed. However, what was not known at the time is that LMS lays in wait. Waiting to reappear—whether that is 5 years, 10 years, even 20 years from when it was first diagnosed.

In November 2005, it reappeared. Again, the infected tissue was removed. It reappeared in January, 2007, however, it was treated with radiation. Now, it's metastasized for a third time—and this time it is more aggressive. Surgery, at this point, is not an option. For the first time in his treatment, David will receive three rounds of high dosage chemotherapy. For each round, he will be in the hospital for one week, home for three weeks, and then back in the hospital for more treatment. The goal is after the third round, a scan will be done and, with prayers answered, the tumor will have decreased in size and surgery will remove the infected tissue.

We are very fortunate to not only have a highly regarded oncologist from Santa Rosa treating David, but the foremost Sarcoma specialist from the University of California at San Francisco's Cancer Center guiding his treatment. In fact, the surgery would be performed at UCSF.

Time and time again, everyone has asked, "What can we do to help?" Well, this letter is not an easy one to write, but it has ultimately become necessary. As you can imagine, the last couple of years of various treatments and surgery have been expensive and it is just getting more expensive. David's doctors will not allow him to work—he cannot work during this treatment. When surgery occurs, it will be even a longer road to recovery. The one thing we can tell you, the medical billing offices do not wait to be paid.

Therefore, we started a fund at a local bank in Sonoma County—Exchange Bank. It's simply called the "Family and Friends of David S. Williams" fund. If you can and are able to contribute, it really is easy. If you live in Sonoma County, any branch of Exchange Bank will be happy to accept a contribution. You do not need an account number, just make the check payable to "The Family and Friends of David S. Williams", it will be deposited into the account. If you do not live in Sonoma County, you may mail the check to either the Exchange Bank (Montgomery Village Branch, 2416 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405) or to the Family and Friends of David S. Williams Fund c/o Melissa D. Williams, 814 Milsom Place, Windsor, CA 95492.

Of course, whether you are able to make a monetary contribution or not, we will gladly accept your good thoughts and prayers for the success of David's treatments and a full remission.

For more information about LMS, please visit the following website: www.leiomyosarcoma.info.

Oh, you might have noticed the lavender color used in our homemade "letterhead". It is the color that represents Leiomyosarcoma.

Sincerely,

MELISSA WILLIAMS
David's Wife

SHIRLEY WILLIAMS
David's Mom

DON WILLIAMS
David's Dad