

BBQ/AUCTION BENEFIT FOR SUGARMILL FAMILY BATTLING LEUKEMIA



Recently, Jackie Spellman, age 24, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). Jackie is the niece of Dave and Donna Lawrence, longtime Sugarmill residents. For those of you that are unfamiliar with Jackie, here is a little background on this incredibly amazing woman. Jackie grew up in Wethersfield, CT. Following her graduation from high school, she moved to Boston, MA to attend Northeastern University where she was a starting defender for their Division-1 NCAA soccer team. Jackie graduated with honors, receiving her degree in Business Marketing while breaking Northeastern soccer records and mentoring young women in the Big Sister program. She recently moved to Houston, Texas after accepting an offer to work with the NFL's Houston Texans.

Jackie was extremely excited for this new opportunity but after only one week on the job in the ticketing sales department, she learned of her diagnosis. Although this seems exceptionally unfair for such a young, vibrant person, Jackie remains committed and determined to fight through this illness. She is currently residing with her father and step mom, Steve and Darlene Spellman, in Greatwood while she undergoes treatment at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Jackie is currently awaiting a matching bone marrow donor for an anticipated bone marrow transplant this summer. To help with the costs associated with her treatment, a Benefit BBQ will be held on **Sunday, July 27, 2008 at the Knights of Columbus Hall (next to St. Theresa's Church) located at 702 Burney Road in Sugar Land from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.** The cost per plate is \$10.00, including drink. In order to get a better idea of how many people will be attending the event, it would be greatly appreciated if tickets could be purchased prior to the BBQ. An auction is being organized for goods and services to be held during the event.

Please call me, your Sugarmill neighbor, Cheryl Swanson at (281) 242-1773 or email me at insclsone@windstream.net for ticket information or any donations or auction items you may have. Anything that you can do would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made to Jackie Spellman Benefit, c/o Lowery Bank – Acct # 801004883, 16555 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, Texas 77479.

Come join Jackie's family and friends for a good cause, along with some good food and fun.