



H.O.W. Motto

One woman giving \$10.00 can buy another woman lunch.

Ten women giving \$10.00 can buy another woman's groceries.

One hundred women giving \$10 each can make a real difference in another woman's life

Fresno Chapter

July 2010

Who is Tanya Torbet?

My name is Tanya Torbet. My husband, Daren Torbet, and I are both teachers in Clovis Unified and we have two children: Ashlin, 5, and Austin, 7. Our family is very honored to be the recipient for H.O.W. in July. I have had such a great support system with family and friends; I am so blessed to have been nominated.

I met my husband, Daren, in 1995. I was in search of help in finishing a paper for college and, little did I know, I walked into the home of an amazing writer. He helped me finish my paper with ease and, although neither of us was in search of love, it happened anyway. We got engaged on the dirt path that is now the entrance to our dream home. We salvaged a little run-down home on 6 acres and built it up to be our own peaceful sanctuary. We have raised our children, had endless family holidays and friendly gatherings, and provided a home for every type of farm animal imaginable at Torbet Ranch.

In June 2009, my 37 year-old husband was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor, a grade IV Glioblastoma Multiforme. We immediately sought treatment at UCLA Medical Center. Our journey began with a 6-week stay

in L.A. for radiation and chemo treatment. Daren was chosen to participate in a drug trial, but was released due to complications with blood clots. Once we came home to Fresno, he received CPT-11 (chemotherapy) and Avastin on a 2 week cycle; visiting doctors in Fresno for lab work, which also included monthly visits to L.A. for MRI scans. We continued this method of treatment until April 2010. The tumor remained stable, but Daren continued to lose strength.

In May 2010, we received the devastating news that Daren was no longer able to receive treatment. His body was simply too weak. As you may have figured out, ending treatment meant the tumor was free to grow and slowly take away the beautiful soul that is my husband. In June 2010, we welcomed Hinds Hospice into our home to help our family care for Daren.

This has been a difficult journey. Sadly, the journey will shortly come to an end and our family will be left with a huge void. Your support means everything right now. Thank you.

H.O.W. has an opportunity to join Tanya's support network and show her that her community cares about her and her family...join us on July 20th.

~ **Helping One Woman ~**
Fresno Chapter

Invites you to join us for dinner

In Honor of
Tanya Torbet

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

At 6:00 PM

Aqua Shi Asian Fusion
1144 E. Champlain Dr.
Fresno, CA 93720

To make individual or group reservations
Call 559-433-9200
Tell them it is for the HOW dinner

PLEASE FORWARD THIS INVITATION TO THE MANY WOMEN YOU KNOW WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP ONE WOMAN!

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