



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

May 2010

Who is Samantha Cole?

Samantha is 36 and has been married to her husband Jervis for 11 years, and has two beautiful children, Justice 8, and Mia 3. She has been an executive manager at Target Riverpark for the past six years. Samantha enjoys her family and many good friends while juggling her two children's activities and long hours at work.

Samantha has a very rare form of ovarian cancer, called Granulosa Cell Tumors. She has been battling the cancer for the past five years. Her first encounter with Granulosa Cell Cancer was in January 2005. She had a frightening four days where her stomach expanded to the size of an eighth month pregnancy. The tumor, the size of a basketball, burst shortly before she had emergency surgery. Her abdominal cavity was rinsed multiple times hoping to get rid of the microscopic cells from the tumor. They call it "seeding" when a Granulosa Cell Tumor bursts. In July 2009, Samantha's cancer was back. She had her upper omentum removed, appendix, a tumor the size of an orange and seven small tumors removed. Six months later, a routine CT scan showed that Samantha's cancer was back again in full force. This time Samantha's Fresno doctor recommended that

she go to UC Irvine for treatment.

On April 2, 2010, Samantha had another surgery. This time they gave her a total hysterectomy, removed her gallbladder, a portion of her liver, and removed multiple tumors. Granulosa Cell Tumors always reappear and Sam's have been aggressive. She is currently on leave recovering from the latest challenge.

She will be monitored by her local oncologist who will work with her "Dream Team" at UC Irvine. A panel of oncologists at UC Irvine voted on whether or not to give her chemo in April. Fifty percent voted yes, and fifty percent voted no. When her main oncologist asked why half said yes, they said they didn't know.

She is hoping the new tumor inhibitor medication will give her some quality years to spend with her family and allow her to continue her job at Target. She will have scans and blood tests every three months as well as physical exams. Her Irvine doctor is moving to Arizona in June, and Samantha will fly there when needed.

The love and support of family and friends has overwhelmed her. She says she is so blessed. H.O.W. has an opportunity to join Samantha's support network and show her that her community cares about her and her family...join us on May 18th.

~ **Helping One Woman ~**
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Invites you to join us for
dinner

In Honor of
Samantha Cole

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

At 6:00 PM

Piazza del Pane
799 W. Palmdon Drive
Fresno, CA 93704

To make individual or
group reservations
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Tell them it is for the HOW
dinner

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