



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 \$100 can make a real difference in another woman's life

Fresno Chapter

April 2010

Who is Wendy Manzo?

Wendy is married to Micah Manzo. Together they have two boys, Skyler, age 6, and Jadon, age 4. Wendy is an elementary school teacher. She has taught in Central Unified School District for almost ten years. Wendy enjoys spending time with her husband and two boys, playing tennis, traveling, playing Bunco, being involved at her church, The Well, and moms' group, and hanging out with family and friends.

In early September 2009, Wendy contracted H1N1 and a doctor's visit led to concern about difficulty breathing and chest pain. A chest x-ray led to a CT scan, biopsy, and PET scan. Wendy had several large thymomas (tumors) pressed against her right lung, heart, and liver. At that point she was diagnosed with thymoma cancer. Thymoma cancer is an extremely rare type of cancer. Her tumors ranged in size from a lemon to larger than a softball. The tumors were putting a lot of pressure on her lung, causing difficulty breathing, increasing discomfort (chest and back pain), and extreme fatigue. On October 19, 2009, Wendy had surgery to remove all tumors and her right lung.

Wendy struggled to recover and

spent 23 agonizing days in the ICU at UC Davis Medical Center. Wendy spent another 10 days at UC Davis before she was released. Another 35 days were spent at her parents' house, where she was sheltered from germs and cared for twenty four hours a day by her mother and home health nurse.

Wendy's recovery has been slow. She has faced countless complications, infections, and setbacks. Wendy currently goes to physical therapy three times a week as she tries to regain normal use of the right side of her body. She is still under close watch by a local doctor and her UC Davis specialist. Wendy is still not able to work and has been on catastrophic leave since early September. Wendy currently gets scans done every three months and has been in remission from cancer since her surgery.

*The Fresno Chapter of
H.O.W. is also
commemorating our
Two-Year
Anniversary in April!*

*This dinner is a special night
to support Wendy and
celebrate everything we've
done so far and look forward
to all we will get to do in the
coming year!*

~ **Helping One Woman ~
Fresno Chapter**

**Invites you to join us for
dinner**

**In Honor of
Wendy Manzo**

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

At 6:00 PM

**FIVE Restaurant
1110 E. Champlain Dr.
Fresno, CA 93720**

**To make individual or
group reservations
Call 559-434-5553
Tell them it is for the HOW
dinner**

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