



Bright Light Foundation

Teri Stratton

2012 BLF Recipient



My name is Tessa “Teri” Stratton. I’ve lived in the Houston area since 2007, when I moved from Denver following the death of my 12-year-old granddaughter. I have 5 children – Stacey (42), Scott (40), Jamie (36), and 15-year-old twins, Landon and Lexi. I am a single mother and sole supporter of my twins. I also have five grandchildren.

I’m currently employed as a contractor with Tri-Energy Asset Management and have worked at Anadarko Petroleum in The Woodlands for the last five years.

In August 2009, I was diagnosed with stage 3(C) ovarian cancer. My doctors at MD Anderson immediately performed surgery and removed 70% of the cancer. Since then, I’ve undergone 39 chemotherapy treatments and 12 CT scans. To date my cancer marker is still elevated, and my doctor recently decided to do a PET scan to decide on another surgery, as chemo has made my body very toxic. Doctors have altered my chemo drug five times.