



CLAYS for CARA




Mark Your Calendars!

Registration will begin soon for Clays for Cara 2015 Clay Shoot and Dinner! Please save the date on your calendars...**October 24, 2015!**

Go to www.claysforcara.com on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 to sign up the whole family! We can't wait to see you there!

Clay Shoot

This year we have decided to let our friends at Happy H host the shoot. Having the shoot and dinner at the same venue will make this year a wonderful family event, much like our inaugural event in 2010. Happy H has a fun and challenging course they have customized for CFC. It is sure to be our best yet!

Dinner & Auctions

Our dinner will be at the fabulous Happy H again this year, with Boerne's own Hungry Horse providing delicious a meal! There will be tons of awesome items to bid on, amazing food and even better people to hang out with! We expect a big crowd this year, so don't wait to buy your tickets! PLUS...you don't want to miss the talented Ravencliff! We are thrilled to have them back!



Sara Watson
Board Member

Update from the Board...

It is hard to believe that Clays for Cara is about to have its 6th Annual Event! When we started this as a group of friends, just trying to walk through cancer with Cara and Justin, I don't think I had a vision for what it might become, but today I am grateful for what it has become

(thanks to my fellow board members). I'm grateful to be a part of the board, to plan the dinner, to put the silent auction together and to serve people in our community. There's great satisfaction in seeing a need and being able to meet it, IMMEDIATELY. And that, for me, is what this is about, meeting people's needs as my sweet friend Cara would have.

Our 2014 Event was SO successful, thanks to all you awesome CFC supporters, that we were able to give additional support to 4 of our families who were still in need. And, we were able to support 3 NEW families exactly when they needed it most. All since October 2014! We also had the opportunity to come alongside Fabra PTO, friends and family of Margaret Palacios to help them raise additional money for her at Picnic for Palacios. It was a blessing for me to wear my Clays for Cara tshirt and pitch in my time and our CFC resources. THANK YOU for being a part of what we do. Your donations, attendance and volunteered time are what makes this possible!

This year's event is going to be incredibly fun, so get it on your calendar! I can't wait to see your names on our registration lists!

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2015 Scholarship Families



Margaret Palacios is a 3rd grade teacher at Fabra and mom of two teenage girls who was diagnosed with a Stage 3 aggressive Breast Cancer. She underwent a 6 round chemotherapy treatment, followed by a double mastectomy. Her doctors believe they got all the cancer and lymph nodes. She will continue radiation and chemo, but hopes to get back to work soon! She is thankful to Clays for Cara for taking some of the huge financial burden off the forefront of her mind.

Keith Vermillion, an active 34 yr old father, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Esophageal Cancer, and underwent an 11 hr surgery and 15 radiation treatments to remove tumors that had crushed two vertebrae. He is recovering well from surgery, the cancer is responding to treatment and though he will need to stay on it indefinitely, he is tolerating chemo well. They are thankful beyond measure for family, friends and their support system (including the CFC team). Keith and Amanda remain hopeful in their fight and hope to show others the power of prayer, faith in God and a positive attitude.



Tim Redden was diagnosed with kidney cancer in February 2014. He, his wife Tammy, and their two sons Timmy and Tucker all fought bravely up until Tim's passing on February 3, 2015. Tim was a long-time professional fishing and hunting guide in Rockport. In the past he had supported Clays for Cara by donating hunting and fishing trips. He will be truly missed by his family and friends.

In March of 2014 **Scott Serene** was diagnosed with Grade 4 GBM Brain Cancer. He fought his cancer with an indestructible attitude and determination that made a huge impact on those he met. The Serenes were a CFC family in 2014, but 2015 brought two additional tumors and more treatments. CFC was honored to be able to provide more assistance in 2015. Scott never gave up and chose to live as fully as possible until his last day. He passed away peacefully at home on August 4, 2015, in the arms of his loving wife.



2014 Family Updates



Brea Hines was cancer free as of July 2014. She had a great year in 5th grade, but after experiencing pain in her leg and side in May 2015, the Hines found out her tumor had returned. Brea, being the strong cookie that she is, returned to school to finish off the school year! Brea went through 3 weeks of radiation and handled it like a champ. She is a trooper and will not let cancer keep her down. "We are not sure what's next but we do know God has great plans for Brea and continue to claim Jer 29:11. We are very thankful for the love, prayers, and support we have been blessed with thru CFC."

Erin Shaw is doing well! Doctors can't explain it, but over the last 6 months, every time Erin has an MRI, it shows that the residual tumor keeps shrinking and is now unable to be measured! The doctor used the term "complete remission," a miracle and statistical impossibility. The Shaws praise God and continue to pray that this will be Erin's path to full recovery! "Thank you Clays for Cara for providing for us and being such a great organization!"



Justin McElhannon fought a long hard fight for his life with great courage and he never wavered in his faith that Jesus could heal him. He was welcomed by Jesus into his forever home on April 6, 2015 and healed in every way possible. Justin is survived by his wife, Misty and his three sons, Bryce, Brody, and Braxton. CFC is honored to have supported this family and is grateful for Misty's continued support of CFC.



Our Mission

We seek to honor the memory of Cara Ann Hobbs and continue her legacy of kindness, love, and compassion by supporting those directly affected by cancer or other life threatening illness, including ongoing support of the Cara Ann Hobbs Endowment at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Fundraising Update

To date we have provided over \$92,000 to 11 individuals and families fighting life-threatening illnesses and we have donated an additional \$44,400 to the MD Anderson Cara Ann Hobbs Endowment.

A HUGE "Thank You!" to 2015's largest sponsor so far...

