

I want everyone to know how sincerely grateful and overwhelmed I am at everyone's generosity and support through these trying times in mine and my family's lives. Fortunately I have family, friends and a community who have rallied around me with support and action. I imagine my support system is comprised of those who we will all be reunited in Heaven as brothers and sisters. Again, I cannot thank you enough.

My experience with this cancer has changed my outlook on many things and I would like to share one of my new perspectives with you. The initial donation letter stated that any donations left after the exhaustion of my treatment would be donated to the **The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation**. Since that time I've realized that there is a greater need beyond this rare type of cancer. The need extends to those who can't afford their co-pay in time for early diagnosis, or their deductible needed to gain insurance approval for their treatment, or even the gas money needed just to make it to treatment. As a result of this experience, much thought and prayer, I would like to change, with your support, the recipient of the funds. I would like the funds to reach all of those in need in the same way as I am. The funds would be handled by the 501(c)(3) organization, Sharon's Fight, and would be distributed judiciously after the investigation and approval of each individual case by an executive board. This is very close to my heart and I pray you all understand and support my decision.

This decision is very close to my heart because I believe it exemplifies the Christian spirit of giving unconditionally. Jesus came to touch us all, bless us all and save us all and I want all of us to contribute in the same way. As I reflect on how truly blessed I am, I find it important to highlight that a simple blessing can change someone's life and heart forever. Just as I am sure that I will receive this treatment if it is God's will, I am also sure that God would like us all to help all those in need through the blessings that have been made available to us.

One last word, cancer has taught me so much about life and people. Most importantly, how loved I am. Through this I have been continuously amazed by the spirit and character of those whose support I needed and received. Thank you to all in the name of Christ.

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If you would like to learn more about this disease go to **The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation**.

<http://cholangiocarcinoma.org/>