



Jamie's Hope was established to accelerate groundbreaking research in Targeted Therapy for every type of cancer, inspired by Acinic Cell Carcinoma. The goal of Jamie's Hope is to sponsor research at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center to help patients diagnosed with cancer and to help them to receive the most innovative therapies today. By donating to Jamie's Hope YOU are part of the "Cure".



Jamie Gilmore, Founder of Jamie's Hope, was born in the Houston area in 1982. Jamie is a pediatric cancer survivor and is currently fighting a rare form of cancer called Acinic Cell Carcinoma. 2012 has marked the 4th time her cancer has relapsed. After originating in the parotid gland it has metastasized into the pelvis and lymph nodes.

In 1996, at the age of 14, Jamie discovered a small nodule in front of her ear. Jamie's local ENT believed the small nodule was a cyst. Lab samples were submitted to Pathology following Jamie's 6 hour operation to remove the nodule. Pathology results diagnosed the nodule as Acinic Cell Carcinoma. Following diagnosis, Jamie was referred to a local doctor who advised against radiation due to Jamie's age and the small size of the nodule.

In 2002, at the age of 20, another small nodule appeared in the same location. Jamie was then referred to MD Anderson in Houston, TX for treatment. Surgery was again scheduled to remove the mass. Prior to Jamie's surgery routine labs were performed. The morning of the operation, Jamie was given the surprising news that her hormones were slightly elevated indicating pregnancy. Consequently, surgery was cancelled and Jamie returned home with her family. Doctors closely monitored Jamie throughout her pregnancy. Due to the cancer Jamie had to be induced at 38 weeks and gave birth to a beautiful and perfect daughter, Mikala.

On January 23, 2003 Jamie endured her most challenging operation: a 12 hour operation to remove the mass and reconstruct her neck and facial area affected by the cancer. Following the surgery, Jamie underwent radiation treatment of the affected area for 6 weeks. Since the surgery and radiation treatments Jamie has not suffered a relapse of cancer in the facial or neck region.

In 2005, at the age of 23, Jamie suspected she had suffered a sports injury in her hip area. After several doctor appointments and numerous tests Jamie was informed of a new mass in her pelvis. Jamie was again referred to MD Anderson for treatment. Jamie underwent surgery to remove part of the bone including six weeks of radiation. In 2008 Jamie began training for a marathon, which resulted in a fractured hip, ending with a partial hip replacement. Following Jamie's partial hip replacement, she began routine check-ups with her doctors at MD Anderson.

In May of 2012 Jamie received the news of another cancer re-occurrence in her pelvis. Multiple tests revealed several locations in Jamie's right pelvic area, left ischium and lymph nodes where the cancer had once again returned. Today's medical technology does not provide a standardized treatment option for Jamie. Jamie is being treated today at MD Anderson through clinical trials in the Targeted Therapy Department. Jamie's chemotherapy began on June 25, 2012. Jamie and all of her loving family and friends are hoping to find an effective treatment to battle her rare form of cancer.

Today, Jamie has gathered supporters and started a non-profit called Jamie's Hope. The mission of this non-profit organization is to accelerate groundbreaking cancer research in Targeted Therapy for every type of cancer, inspired by Acinic Cell Carcinoma. The goal of Jamie's Hope is to sponsor research at MD Anderson to help patients diagnosed with cancer and to help them to receive the most innovative therapies today. By donating to Jamie's Hope YOU are part of the "Cure".

Jamie wants to personally Thank Dr. Tsimberidou and ALL of the staff at MD Anderson. You were truly part of the inspiration which lead Jamie to create this non-profit organization.

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