



Darina O'Harran is a 38 year old wife, and proud mother of 3 children, Trenna, Taya and Travis. Originally from Issaquah, Washington, Darina and her husband Chad have called San Diego home for many years, mostly working in the hospitality industry at establishments such as Sunset Bar and Grill, T.D. Hayes (now PB Shore Club), Hunter Steak House, and Pacific Beach Bar & Grill; where she and Chad first met. And for more than a decade, Darina has enjoyed being a part of the team at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Del Mar. Family is Darina's world. She loves volleyball, the beach, and hiking. Darina is always smiling, laughing, and happy; eliciting the same in all those around her.

In addition to these traits, Darina is also a fighter; she is strong, and she is a warrior. In late 2011, when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer for the second time, Darina proactively went to her physician demanding a mammogram at the early age of 32, without having found lumps or experiencing any symptoms. The test results shocked everyone. At 32, Darina was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer, with cancer cells also found in her lymph nodes. Following their family motto "O'Harran's Never Give Up", she and her family remained positive and fought. After a bilateral mastectomy, 4.5 months of intensive chemotherapy, and 6 weeks of daily radiation treatments, Darina was ecstatic to announce to everyone that she was cancer-free! She opened her blog on August 2, 2012 by proclaiming, "I DID IT!!!!".

Sadly, Darina lost her mother to the disease on June 23, 2014. And this past August, while camping with her family, Darina was experiencing shortness of breath and was treated for symptoms appearing to be asthma. On September 20th, she was rushed to the hospital when she was unable to breathe. Scans of her chest confirmed her worst nightmare, the cancer had returned. On October 16th, she was given her official diagnosis: Stage 4 Breast Cancer that had metastasized to her lungs. Darina has started chemotherapy again, and she and her family are actively seeking other treatment options. Darina does have health insurance, but deductibles, co-pays, and anything not covered under insurance plans (such as certain medications and treatments) are extremely costly and add up quickly. Consider also the high cost of living in San Diego, coupled with loss of wages for the family. Financially things quickly get overwhelming. Disability per month for those in the service/hospitality industry generally isn't even enough to cover the rent/mortgage, let alone bills, groceries, and other normal life expenses...especially for a family of 5.

Darina and her family need our help. Our goal at Big Josh Foundation is to help alleviate the financial burden and offer emotional support so that Darina and her family can focus on her health and spending quality time together. A GoFundMe page is currently active and the BJF team is working around the clock finding ways to assist Darina and her family. As always, we are nothing without the love and support of our industry and other extended families, so please watch for upcoming information regarding events and help in any way that you are able. Thank you for your continued support helping us help others. It's time to rally together again, and as Josh would say...

"IT HAS TO DONE."