

The Rob Benzon Foundation
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I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my wife and myself to thank the Rob Benzon Foundation for their generous donation to help with my medical bills. When I first learned that the Rob Benzon Foundation was going to donate funds towards my medical bills to help with my situation it brought tears to my eyes. Knowing that people who do not even know me or what kind of person I am and donating unbiased, really enhances the words “perfect strangers”. My wife and I were very touched by this generous effort and thank each and every person who donated.

When I first learned that I had cancer it was like a bomb being dropped. At 29 years of age who would ever think that something like this would happen to me. Well it did and surprisingly at one of the worst times, but then again it’s never a good time. My wife was attending school fulltime and I was working to support us both including our two rescue dogs that earlier in the year took most of our savings due to vet bills. My first symptoms started in about April, 2009. I was diagnosed with cancer around February, 2010. Being misdiagnosed and too much time elapsing only allowed the cancer to spread More. Before I was diagnosed with cancer I had my first surgery in January, 2010, from this surgery, a biopsy, and cat scan were conducted to find almost stage III testicular cancer. I then endured nine weeks of an aggressive chemotherapy treatment which also caused me to be hospitalized for four days due to pain. Then in May, 2010 I underwent a second surgery to remove a grapefruit sized tumor that was behind my right kidney, due to the cancer spreading to my abdomen area. This surgery was approx. 10 hours long and was extremely complicated. I was cut from sternum to pelvic region, it took approx. 60 staples to patch me up; however as of May 26, 2010 “no more cancer”!

Throughout my journey I have had a lot of support from family and friends which was incredible. But knowing that “perfect strangers” helped in this catastrophic event in my life really touched a certain place in my heart and will never be forgotten. To those who donated I hope this letter finds you, knowing that you have helped impact someone’s life in a great way through the cooperative efforts of the Rob Benzon Foundation. Attending one of the benefit events and meeting some of the members of the Rob Benzon foundation really showed people helping to make a difference in the community. I did not know Rob Benzon, but can tell because of this foundation in his name that he must have been a very loved and loving person!

In conclusion I would like to thank all of you again who made this donation possible. I am still on the road to recovery but getting stronger by the day. Looking forward to the day when I can be the one attending a Rob Benzon Foundation event not as a recipient but as a donator.

Sincerely,

Nick O.