



*FUNDRAISING EVENT
FOR DANNILLE VANDERPOOL,
DISPATCHER
Helping one of our own.*

As part of our Annual Employees Breakfast, we will be selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser for Dannille who is fighting metastasized ovarian cancer.

Our goal is to have one raffle prize donated from each department. These prizes will be on display during the breakfast as we sell tickets. We are asking you to coordinate this donation with your department. All donations can be directed to Fire Administration. We would need to receive the donations as soon as possible as the breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, November 1st.

In addition, the Napa City Firefighters Association is hosting the annual Hackers Wackers golf tournament and the proceeds from this event will also be given to Danielle. Attached is a flyer of this event.

Dannille's story and why she needs our help:

Dannille (age 33) is a single mother of a very bright 8-year-old daughter, Sydney. Dannille is currently on catastrophic leave that runs out the day after Thanksgiving. Once her leave runs out, she will then be responsible for paying her medical insurance for herself and Sydney which is approximately \$1,200.00 a month. Dannille can remain on State Disability Insurance (SDI), however, it is only 60-70% of her regular salary.



Dannille has worked for the City of Napa for 5 years. For the past 2 years, she was nominated by her peers and end users as Dispatcher of the Year and was awarded Dispatcher of the Year both years.

Six years ago, Dannille was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She fought and won that battle. However, the cancer has metastasized on 5 separate occasions with the most recent being this May. She had surgery and was able to come back to work. However, within one month the cancer had returned and she needed to start chemotherapy. She was scheduled for chemo treatments one time a week. They discovered within 2 ½ weeks of starting her chemo that she was developing even more cancer so they increased her chemo to 3 times a week and scheduled her for surgery. Her kidneys then started to fail and her white blood count was not high enough for her to successfully have surgery. She started on dialysis twice a week and continued with chemo 3 times a week.

All of her organs started failing last week and her heart was at 80% capacity. Her doctor told her they need to stop chemo so that her body had an opportunity to recover and hopefully her white blood count would elevate so she could proceed with surgery. At that same time, the doctor instructed her to put her affairs in order in case her body wasn't able to handle surgery or additional chemo.

Dannille's father, Ron Vanderpool, is here now from Illinois taking care of Dannille and Sydney. He used to be a Reserve firefighter in American Canyon for 5 years. Dannille's mother lives in American Canyon and has been helping with transportation to and from school for Sydney as well as doctor appointments for Dannille.



Unfortunately, the news this week on Dannille's condition is worse. She went to the emergency room because she was in a tremendous amount of pain. They did a CAT scan and her cancer has spread to her entire abdominal cavity. She is going to see her oncologist tomorrow to talk about treatment options. Unfortunately as of Friday, her heart has been too weak to consider surgery, but we should have more news in a few days.

Please help by coordinating a raffle prize from your department.