

Hello Friends and Family!

We would like to share an update about Angela Rusu's health journey!

A BRIEF RECENT HISTORY:



Photo from Mom's trip to Hope 4 Cancer

In March, mom set out for Mexico to pursue alternative health therapies in order to fight her Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Upon returning home from an intensive month of all day long therapies, she immediately underwent a surgery for her lungs to insert a drain. This six weeks of travel, therapies, surgery and recovery time were very hard on mom's body. She struggled with a racing heart and difficulty breathing and her overall strength was very depleted in June. This is when my mom found out that her tumors had continued to grow. On July 3rd, mom had to be rushed to the hospital due to difficulty breathing. She spent the next two weeks at St. Mary's Hospital. It was most definitely her lowest point of this whole healing journey. She underwent two

surgical procedures on her lungs during that time. She had many doctors coming in and out talking about her "end of life plans" and giving us grim palliative care options.

A HUGE THANKS TO YOU:

It was during this time that you, friends and family, really blessed mom and dad and our whole family with strength and encouragement that we did not have in ourselves. While we appreciate the incredible intelligence that the medical world offered to help my mom during that time, there was also a lot of hopelessness and coldness that came along with it. But you, the church, friends and family came to the hospital and prayed Hope over my mom. You all blessed us with so much prayer support, financial support—raising a miraculous amount of money, food and even house cleaning. It was a beautiful testimony that the Kingdom of God has better resources than any worldly domain...even really great and intelligent ones.



Our whole family cannot thank you enough for the incredible support you have already shown us!



HER CURRENT JOURNEY:

During this time at the hospital, both mom and dad felt peace from the Lord to pursue Insulin Potentiated Therapy--which is a lower, more targeted dose of chemo therapy which was being offered in St. Charles, IL. After her hospital stay, mom started her first round of IPT (chemo therapy) on July 27th. Since then she has completed all 24 IPT appointments and over 25 additional clinic visits to help stabilize her health. This is the equivalent of approximately 4.5 full doses of chemo in the traditional medical world. She has only endured minimal side effects such as sleeplessness and weakness/lower energy a couple of days a week. Even though this is to be expected, it can be discouraging. But overall, we are encouraged! Her health has most definitely improved, by a LOT since July. She has regained enough strength to go shopping, some driving on her own, the ability to prepare meals and do light cleaning and laundry. This is a huge improvement from her couch ridden months, needing assistance to do every day normal things.



Photo: June 14th, mom before her hospital stay



Photo: October 23rd, mom and dad at Olbrich

Recently and CAT scan has reported the cancer is both showing signs of progression and tumor die off. Progression is very common after a lot of the therapies that mom has pursued because they inflame the tumor, irritating them before they begin to die. We are so happy to hear there are signs of die off! To be quite honest, we are aching for some great breakthrough news for mom. But in this difficult season we have gratitude in our hearts for every way in which all of you helped to lift up our weary heads, feed us, help pay for bills, giving us friendship and support through prayer. We pray God blesses you back 10xs more than you have given to us.

FURTHER HELP NEEDED:

Pursuing this route of IPT (chemo therapy) has been a confident choice mom and dad have made together through prayer. It also comes as an out of pocket expense as IPT is not currently covered by standard insurance. My parents have been paying out of pocket to pursue these treatments as well as supplementation, approved nutritional food and other additional helpful therapies. Each chemo treatment alone is on average \$1700. There were lots of travel expenses as dad or I have taken turns bringing mom to St. Charles, IL for treatments weekly or twice weekly. There are also residual medical bills that have added up and altogether they are burdened with an additional \$45,000.



Photo of Mom getting her first chemo treatment

My parents are always uncomfortable asking for financial help especially with how generous everyone has been towards them already, **but their need is real**. So, if you are interested in helping them with mom's ongoing health expenses please check out the information in the links below.

They want you to know there is no pressure or expectation! They are so grateful already and they trust the Lord to supply for all of their needs according to His riches glory!

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO GIVE:

Online Giving:

www.bringinghope2others.com

When you are on the main page for Hope 2 Others there is a blue bar running across the top of the site. Click on the word "Give" in the upper left corner. That will produce a page of giving options. Scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see "Support the Medical Needs Fund". Click the donate button on the right side of the screen to enter in your donation.

There is a 2.2% + .30 cents per transaction site fee with PayPal

****This is tax deductible! Hooray!**

In person/Mail in Donations:

If you would prefer to give through check or cash, feel free to give to Jeff and Angie directly. *Not tax deductible

Or for **tax deductible donation, make check out to Hope 2 Others and put "medical needs fund" in the memo line. Please do NOT include mom's name on the checks.

Send all checks to: Jeff & Angie Rusu, 1317 McLean Drive, Madison, WI 53718.

Continued Prayer:

Thank you for standing with us in faith for healing. Please continue to pray with thankful hearts until we see full healing come. Though she's doing better, we want to see more evidence of healing in her body. We continue to give glory to God for all He has done, is doing, and will do. There is much power in confident, unwavering prayer.

Bless You all! **Jeff and Angie Rusu (and the whole family)**

*"for everyone born of God overcomes the world.
This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith" 1 John 5:4*

