

One woman with \$10 can buy another woman lunch.

Ten women with \$10 can buy another woman groceries.

One Hundred women with \$10 can make a real difference in another woman's life.

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JUNE 2019

Pleasant Hill Chapter

Helping One Woman

Please join us in honoring:



Upcoming Dinner >>>

Tuesday, June 25th

Doors open at 5:15, Program starts promptly at 6:15 PM

WiseGirl Ristorante

1932 Oak Park Boulevard, Pleasant

\$25 Dinner includes dinner, tax and tip

\$10 minimum monetary recipient gift for the honoree

MARA SOLOMON

I'm Mara Solomon... My husband Dave and I have a 10-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son. We have been an integral part of this incredible Pleasant Hill community since 2007.

In June of 2013 after our sons first birthday, our life was turned upside down. After a series of strange ailments, gums bleeding, rash, fever, cough, etc. I went to the doctor and got labs done only to find out my blood levels were low. I was diagnosed with Leukemia. I was admitted to the hospital for a month of inpatient treatment and a Stem Cell Transplant where they take the stem blood cells from a living donor's blood over the course of a few hours. They infuse these cells through an IV (My brother was my donor). My son took his first steps at the hospital and my daughter learned how to be resilient. For 4 years we lived life somewhat normally. The kids started school here and we enjoyed our amazing community.

In July 2017 I noticed the petechiae (fancy word for a red freckled rash) again and did a routine blood test. Turned out I had Leukemia again and it was 2 types both ALL and AML.

I was hospitalized for the summer. I was then in remission for a few months but unfortunately relapsed in February 2018.

Since February 2018 I spent a few months in the hospital in Oakland, and 3 months in Palo Alto where I received a 2nd successful transplant from an unrelated donor. As a family, we moved for 3 months to Palo Alto specifically for treatment and returned in November 2018.

In December I caught RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) which is very dangerous for people like me with low immune systems. Dave spent New Year's Eve tracking down a prescription to help me recover. I got better but noticed a decrease in balance and weight loss in March and April.

In mid-April, I had 2 seizures and was hospitalized. Here we are almost 2 months later, and I am a lot better but still dealing with speech and mobility issues. I cannot drive (due to the seizures) and walk with walking sticks. I am dependent on family, friends, acquaintances to do many things for me including, drive, cook, clean, pick up kids, deliver meals, etc.

I cannot rave enough about what an incredible village we have, and I am so incredibly proud to be a part of this Community! I am honored and completely blown away to be nominated for helping One Woman-Pleasant Hill.



Can't make it to the dinner but want to support Mara? Contact a chapter team member to arrange for a donation to be accepted, and presented to Mara at the June dinner.

Do you know a local woman going through a time of irreplaceable loss? Come to one of our dinners to nominate her to be a recipient of the HOW

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