

TEAM DECC 2011

Each week the DECC will feature a different DECC team member and participating nonprofit organization to highlight the wide variety of charities participating in your campaign. This Week's Featured Member and Charity:



Sgt. Joseph Unser of the Police Department for

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Rocky Mountain Chapter

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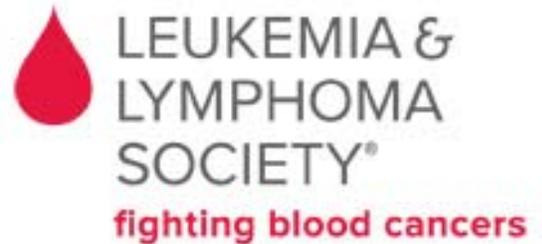
Sgt. Unser's story

In 1994, my mother was diagnosed with CML, a form of leukemia. It was then that I began to appreciate the work of the Rocky Mountain Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. My mother fought this dreaded disease for almost 11 years, but she finally lost her battle in 2005. I personally believe in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission to help find a cure, so I continue to give a contribution to them through DECC yearly. I also have a huge belief that you pay it forward and that charity starts in your heart and home, so I would encourage you to find a charity that you have a personal connection to or that you like and to give through the DECC campaign.

The mission of **THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY (LLS)** is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Making a difference in Colorado...

Whitney Mouton writes, "I am a young woman who is married to a wonderful man and I have a beautiful daughter. In June of 2009 I was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of Leukemia, Burkitt's Leukemia. I immediately had to start treatment. Without treatment, the leukemia would have been fatal within 3-4 weeks. I underwent eight rounds of intense chemo and 16 lumbar punctures. The lumbar punctures were used to test and treat my spinal fluid with chemo. Amazingly I went into remission right away. I finished treatment in November 2009. My life has been forever changed. I appreciate life so much now! I enjoy every day with my family and am looking at ways to make my life and others lives better. On June 6, 2010 I completed the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon with TNT. It was so exciting, because I helped LLS, an organization that reached out to me after my diagnosis. It is also so wonderful to be able to run a long distance after all my body has been through. My life is incredible now and I thank God every day for my health and for LLS!"



What your donation can do

\$3.85 per pay period can provide an annual stipend of \$100 to a patient in active treatment to help defray ongoing expenses. Last fiscal year, LLS awarded stipends to 891 patients!

\$12 per pay period is enough to underwrite the cost of a family support group in Denver for six months. LLS offers 5 support groups in the metro area including one in Spanish and 2 additional groups statewide.

Thank you, Denver!

LLS was founded in 1949 and is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding research for blood cancer. The Rocky Mountain Chapters serves the great State of Colorado. On behalf of Whitney and others, LLS wishes to thank City of Denver employees for their generosity and for helping to give hope to those who continue to fight blood cancers. All programs and services provided by LLS to patients are free of charge. This includes family support groups, educational/informational materials/programs, one-on-one conversations, webinars, etc. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer to help further our important mission either as a one-time volunteer or on an ongoing basis, please call 720-440-8620 or email Katie.halbert@lls.org.