

# HELP LEA ALLEN!



## Support the Team Lea Foundation

Lea Allen, daughter of Darrell Allen, a CWA Local 9421 member and technician at the Folsom yard, was diagnosed with Epithelioid Sarcoma (ES), a rare form of cancer. More than 12 million Americans are diagnosed with cancer each year, but less than 400 of these cases are ES, which makes ES very rare.

*Lea and her family desperately need help from members of CWA Local 9421.*

Lea Allen is a beautiful, 28-year-old young woman living in Rocklin. Recently graduated from Sacramento State University with a degree in Criminal Justice and a sizable loan debt, Lea worked as a waitress in a local restaurant. In July 2010, she discovered a strange lump on the underside of her upper arm. After extensive tests, she was diagnosed with ES and has been referred to Stanford University Medical Center for the long and aggressive treatment. When initially discovered, the primary tumor was small, but has grown to the size of a grapefruit in just a few months, taking hold of Lea's arm, involving nerves and muscles. Microscopic portions have broken off and spread throughout her body, with ten nodules now on her lungs and recently moved to her heart. The pain is so debilitating and the treatment so aggressive that she can no longer work.

As her family and Lea learned, the medical treatment for this rare cancer is specialized, advanced, aggressive, and very expensive. The cost for Lea's diagnosis and treatment will exceed \$500,000 for the first three rounds and will continue to grow with each subsequent round of treatment. Lea's medical insurance provides minimal coverage (not more than \$7,500 per year and only \$75 per month in prescription coverage) and with the cancer now a pre-existing condition, other private insurances are not an option. Lea's parents, Tanya and Darrell, do not have the money or assets to cover the costs. Although they are pursuing Social Security and disability insurance, these programs can only offset a small portion of Lea's huge financial needs.

## PLEASE HELP!

Lea's family has established the Lea Allen Foundation. Through this foundation, you can make a donation to help Lea one of 2 ways:

- 1) At any **Wells Fargo Bank** branch—just tell them that you want to make a donation to the "Team Lea Foundation"
- 2) Via **Facebook** by looking for the "TeamLea Foundation" page. Once you find the page, 'like' it, and then go to the 'PLEASE DONATE!' tab at the top. This will take you to the page with the big **DONATE** button...just click on this to make a secure online donation through PayPal.

## YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!

To make matters worse, Lea's rare cancer is in the most critical stage...stage 4. She is constantly undergoing treatment—including Chemotherapy—not only in Sacramento, but also at Stanford. The treatment and travel put a constant toll on her body. The family's medical bills are out of control and they need our help.

Please help a fellow CWA member in his family's time of need. Please help Lea! Thank you.

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