

In 2008 the Baker family of Dave, Teresa, and sister Judi, along with a group of friends created an adult Coed Softball Tournament in an effort to raise money for an annual American Cancer Society fundraiser called Relay for Life.

This tournament was the first of its kind in more than a 10-year span in Lompoc. This tournament is affectionately called the Dr. T's Strike Out Cancer Softball Showdown. This is a 2-part event which takes place in one weekend. This includes a skills competition on Saturday night that is opened to participants of all ages. Then on Sunday we play softball in a round robin format guaranteeing 3 games per team, with teams playing on up to 5 fields at one time. Due to circumstances outside of our control we are now down to the only 2 adult softball fields available in Lompoc. After years of donating our funds to the American Cancer Society, in 2017 we changed the format and focus of our tournament to support a local family that is currently struggling with this horrible disease.

The following is a list of the cancers we have recognized and the families we have supported.

2008 – All Cancer Survivors

2009 – All Cancer Victims – Kenny “JR” Greene – Deceased

2010 – Carlos Vega – Prostate Cancer – SURVIVOR

2011 – Bob Baker – Brain Cancer – Deceased

2012 – Ron Heron – Kidney Cancer – Deceased

2013 – Annette Villanueva (Orozco) – Breast Cancer – SURVIVOR

2014 – Andi Taylor – Multiple Myeloma – Deceased

2015 – Sandra Hecker – Cervical Cancer- SURVIVOR

2016 – Henley White – Leukemia – SURVIVOR

THIS YEAR WE STOPPED GIVING TO ACS AND STARTED GIVING DIRECTLY TO LOMPOC FAMILIES

2017 – Noah Scott – Leukemia – Deceased

2018 – Juan Torres – Stomach Cancer – Deceased

2019 – Hayden Stallworth – Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma – SURVIVOR

2020/2021– Covid

2022- Chris Hansen- Prostate/Kidney Cancer- SURVIVOR

2023- Unable to host

2024- To be determined

Softball tournaments do not bring in life changing amounts of money. They do however bring awareness to the disease, support to the family, and fellowship to the community.

We are asking for all fees waived for this event to limit our outside overhead costs so we can return more financial support to the families who truly need it.

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