

# Cancer Survivors' Fund™

## From Surviving to Thriving

### News & Scenes



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**Yennys Palomeque**

2006 Ronald G. Bliss  
Outstanding Achievement  
Award and \$10,000 Scholarship  
(Story Inside)



**Blake Boudreaux**

Ronald G. Bliss \$10,000  
Scholarship  
Third Consecutive Year



**Camelia Cruz**

Ronald G. Bliss \$10,000  
Scholarship  
Second Consecutive Year

2006 "From Surviving to Thriving" Gala Was A Huge Success  
*Heartfelt appreciation and thanks to our guests and supporters.*  
We are growing because of you!

The Cancer Survivors' Fund held its fourth Annual Gala on the evening of April 21, 2006 at the Junior League in Houston. The event was emceed by Houston's own *Bob Nicholas*. Over 270 guests attended this elegant evening to celebrate the lives and success stories of the CSF students and observe the presentation of awards. Our students and Board Members were on hand to greet our guests. Representatives of Schlumberger, Sterling Bank, Muilenburg Prosthetics & Orthotics, US Oncology, FTI Consulting, Amicon Plastics, Fulbright & Jaworski LLC, Regions Bank, Texas Children's Hospital, and community leaders and local businessman were present to help us observe our 7th anniversary. *The event raised over \$96,000 for the benefit of young cancer survivors.*



*Yeshim Yonter, Founder of CSF presenting "CSF Inspirational Individual of the Year Award" to Dr. Lloyd K. Everson*

Dr. Lloyd K. Everson, Vice Chair of US Oncology, Inc. was honored for his lifelong contributions to the treatment of cancer and his inspirational leadership. Dr. Everson has held numerous leadership positions during his medical career encompassing teaching, research, administration and clinical practice. He joined US Oncology in 1993 as its President and Chief Operating Officer of the organization. He currently holds the position of Vice Chairman of US

Oncology. US Oncology is the largest network of Oncologists in the United States with cancer centers in 84 sites and 33 states.

Muilenburg Prosthetics and Orthotics, Inc. was recognized for providing prosthetic limbs to many of our students to help them to walk again with self-confidence. Since their practice began 50-plus years ago, Muilenburg's focus has been helping those with limb loss to experience life to the fullest. They want to get their patients back on their feet - back to work or school, and to the many activities that give them pleasure. People come to Muilenburg Prosthetics as patients, but soon become part of their family.



*CSF students and Muilenburg patients Camelia Cruz and Jose Pacheco presenting "CSF Service Recognition Award" to Loretta Muilenburg, Ted Muilenburg and Jon Holmes*

# Rising Stars of Cancer Survivors' Fund

## Yennys Palomeque



### Ronald G. Bliss Outstanding Achievement Award and Scholarship Winner

1. Criterion: Serving above self – Volunteer work  
*Yennys volunteers at Ever's Park Elementary School where she is an aid to a kindergarten teacher who was diagnosed with cancer and currently is undergoing the final treatments for it. She also mentors children who have come from very tumultuous backgrounds at the Nelson Center, and works with therapists in aiding children with disorders such as cerebral palsy and autism at Reata Rehabilitation Ranch.*
2. Criterion: Leadership and extracurricular activities  
*Yennys is the president of the Guinn Hall Council in Denton, Texas where they are engaged in community support activities. She is also a Senator of Texas Woman's University Student Government.*
3. Criterion: Academic performance  
*Yennys consistently maintains a GPA of 3.50.*

Yennys is a sophomore and an honor student at the Texas Woman's University in Denton, majoring in Psychology. She has survived lymphoma. In her own words:

*"CSF has changed my life by giving me a chance that many kids from my neighborhood never could receive. I feel as though I have been guided by this great organization to become a better person and be able to provide help to others as they have offered it to me. CSF organization and all the recipients of the CSF scholarship have been my inspiration to excel at my academic work. Their hard work and perseverance is seen at all times along with a smile and the willingness to keep doing more. I feel as though I have been given wings to soar above and beyond my limits thanks to all the love and support I have found from my CSF family."*

## "Name-Your-Scholarship" Winners



Joe Russell  
Schlumberger  
Scholarship



James Reed  
Sterling Bank  
Scholarship



Jose Pacheco  
Mullenburg Prosthetics  
Scholarship



Nic Reinert  
Karen and Alan Fox  
Scholarship



Aubrey Solazzo  
Nora and Mike Aden  
Scholarship



Ashlie Fitch  
Elizabeth and Bob Brooks  
Scholarship



Jessica Sigle  
Sandy and Hank Deshazer  
Scholarship

The Big Spenders



Vince Young Helmet Sold for \$2,500  
Winning Bidder Denise Langabeer with  
our emcee Houston's own Bob Nicholas



Hand Made Quilt by Dana Hoffman Sold for \$3,000  
Winning Bidders Bob Brooks and Mike Aden  
(Still wondering who took the quilt home)

CSF Board Members Embracing Students



Gala Sponsors and Major Contributors

Your support is greatly appreciated. CSF is growing because of YOU!

Elizabeth and Bob Brooks	\$14,600.-	Fulbright & Jaworski LLP	\$1,500.-
Schlumberger	\$5,000.-	FTI Consulting	\$1,500.-
Karen and Alan Fox	\$5,000.-	Suzanne and Jim Nawrocki	\$1,500.-
Nora and Mike Aden	\$5,000.-	Regions Bank	\$1,500.-
Mullenburg Prosthetics and Orthotics	\$3,000.-	Texas Children's Hospital	\$1,500.-
Sterling Bank	\$3,000.-	US Oncology, Inc.	\$1,500.-
Sandy and Hank Deshazer	\$3,000.-	Annheiser-Busch, Inc.	\$1,000.-
Michelle and Richard Rodriguez	\$2,900.-	Compass Bank	\$1,000.-
Denise and Jim Langabeer	\$2,500.-	Connie and James Haddox	\$1,000.-
Zeynep and Mehmet Akialp	\$2,250.-	Wolf Hengst	\$1,000.-
Amicon Plastics	\$1,500.-	Arita and Bob Nicholas	\$1,000.-
Charlene Bliss	\$1,500.-	Barbara and Frank Quigg	\$1,000.-
Lasca Bourgeois-Burns	\$1,500.-	Allen White	\$1,000.-

*Our heartfelt thanks are also extended to silent auction contributors and bidders for helping us to raise \$26,475*

# Cancer Survivors' Fund Students

## *From Surviving to Thriving*

### Our Graduates

2004



Tiana Cornelius  
*Sarcoma Survivor*  
Columbia University  
Econ/Math



Billy Watkins III  
*Testicular Can. Survivor*  
University of Houston  
Accounting



Ruth-Ann Fenske  
*Thyroid Can. Survivor*  
University of Texas  
Journalism



Umut Unver  
*Osteosarcoma Survivor*  
University of Texas  
Electrical Engineering



Vanessa Kelly  
*Leukemia Survivor*  
University of Houston  
Hotel Management



Brian Kane  
*Wilms Tumor Survivor*  
University of Texas  
Business Administration

2005

2006

### Continuing Studies



Yennys Palomeque  
*Lymphoma Survivor*  
Junior  
Texas Women's U.  
Psychology



Lee Salazar  
*Leukemia Survivor*  
Sophomore  
University of Houston  
Child-Life



Blake Boudreaux  
*Retinoblastoma Survivor*  
Junior  
Texas A&M  
Communications



Camelia Cruz  
*Sarcoma Survivor*  
Sophomore  
Lee College  
Child-Life



Chris Rhodes  
*Lymphoma Survivor*  
Sophomore  
Lamar College  
Child-Life



Shannon McManus  
*Wilms Tumor Survivor*  
Freshman  
Texas A&M  
Nursing



Jared Lamb  
*Chiasmic Glioma Survivor*  
Senior  
Southern Methodist U.  
Accounting



Jessica Sigle  
*Leukemia Survivor*  
Junior  
Texas A&M at Galveston  
Marine Biology



Chad Tremont  
*Lymphoma Survivor*  
Sophomore  
San Jacinto College  
Biology



Devon Dinkens  
*Osteosarcoma Survivor*  
Freshman  
Texas A&M  
Bio-Medical Sciences



Brandon Clayton  
*Sarcoma Survivor*  
Junior  
University of Texas  
Environmental Studies



Karen Liang  
*Sarcoma Survivor*  
Sophomore  
Baylor University  
Chemistry



Rudolfo De Leon  
*Hogkin's Disease*  
Sophomore  
Houston Comm. College  
Biotechnology



Rebecca Munoz  
*Thyroid Carcinoma*  
Senior  
Texas A&M  
Agriculture



Joe Russell  
*Retinoblastoma Survivor*  
Sophomore  
LeTourneau University  
Mechanical Engineering



Jose Pacheco  
*Osteosarcoma Survivor*  
Freshman  
Houston Comm. College  
Health Studies

### Scholarship Winners for 2006 Fall Semester



Nic Reinert  
*Leukemia Survivor*  
Freshman  
Texas A&M  
Petroleum Engineering



Aubrey Solazzo  
*Bone Cancer Survivor*  
Freshman  
Navarro College  
Pharmaceutical Studies



James Reed  
*Lymphoma Survivor*  
Junior  
Tarleton State U.  
Agriculture Economics



Eda Eren  
*Leukemia Survivor*  
Freshman  
Palm Beach Com. Coll.  
Dietician



Frank Jones  
*Angiosarcoma Survivor*  
Freshman  
University of N. Texas  
Physical Education



Ashlie Fitch  
*Germinoma Survivor*  
Freshman  
West Texas A&M  
Business Admin.

## *A Brief History*

Cancer Survivors' Fund is a young organization, founded in 1999 by Yeshim Yonter who is a veteran volunteer at the MD Anderson Cancer Center. Her motherly instincts and having been a two-time cancer survivor herself directed her into this noble mission. She encourages the young patients to fight for their lives and win, and urges each of them to build a dream of their own. CSF Board of Directors now has fourteen dedicated individuals engaged in mentoring, coaching, being friends and dream-makers of young cancer survivors. CSF provides scholarships and prosthetic appliances to young cancer survivors and opportunities to encourage volunteerism and teamwork, and instills leadership qualities. CSF teaches them to share themselves, their time and energy, and helps them to grow academically, emotionally and spiritually.

## *Scenes from the Gala*



The exquisite center pieces, flower arrangements, corsages and boutonnieres were designed and donated by CSF Director Marcia Wilson, the owner of Breen's Florist.

## Cancer Survivors' Fund™

*From Surviving to Thriving*

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### Board of Directors

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*Working together, we are changing one life at a time.*



*The Team That Made It Possible - CSF Board of Directors*

*Marcia Wilson, Surender Talwar, Mike Yonter, David Busbee, Yeshim Yonter, Mike Aden, Nora Aden, Bob Miller, Sema Turel. Not pictured: Jason Bliss, Bob Brooks, Jim Nawrocki, Charles Walker, Jr., Billy Watkins III*