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# Blue Faery

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Quarterly eNewsletter

## Meet two-time liver cancer survivor Dani Duran

During a routine checkup, a mass was spotted on 28-year-old [Dani Duran's](#) liver. She had never spent a night in the hospital before much less undergone major surgery. Dani endured 12 hours in the operating room, massive blood loss, flat-liners and fluid in her lungs that led to five days in intensive care. After one month in the hospital where she had multiple chemoembolization treatments, she was frightened but discovered an inner strength she never knew she possessed.



After fighting for her survival, Dani met the man of her dreams and had the perfect fairytale wedding—with her doctor in attendance. Five years after her surgery, Dani was declared "cured." During a family visit to Brazil, Dani decided to get a routine scan. When the doctor spotted another tumor on her liver, she felt as though her life was over—again. She had been married less than a year and she was planning to start a family, but she knew her dreams of being a happy wife and mother had to wait.

This time Dani and her family were prepared for the CT scans, blood tests, endless doctor's appointments and another surgery. Though it was long and complicated, the resection was successful, and Dani spent only one day in ICU. It has been almost a year since the second surgery, and Dani's life has returned to "normal." She feels strong and healthy, but she realizes that she has a long road ahead of her. She wants to use her story to show others there is life after cancer.

NOTE: Doctors are unsure about the origin of Dani's liver cancer. With no prior family history of any cancer, one theory is that the tumor started as an adenoma, which morphed into fibrolamellar hepatocarcinoma—a subtype of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). However, other oncologists believe she had HCC all along though Dani has never had hepatitis.

## Blue Faery seeks a new Medical Research Committee (MRC) chair

After six years of loyal service, our current MRC chair Sherri Rose will be transitioning to Blue Faery's esteemed [MRC Advisory Board](#). Thus we have a new opening to replace her former role as MRC chair. Ms. Rose will be aiding the transition of the newly appointed chair, whom we hope to find soon -- with your help! To fill this position, we need someone who

- Lives in California (preferably the Los Angeles area).
  - Holds a degree in the health sciences -- a higher degree such as an MPH, MD, or PhD is preferred, but not required as long as you have a science background.
  - Can perform the following duties (which typically do not exceed 6 - 8 hours per month):
1. Hold monthly meetings, which includes writing an agenda and keeping minutes. Meetings may be conducted in-person, by telephone, or via email.
  2. Report to the board of directors regarding MRC activities.



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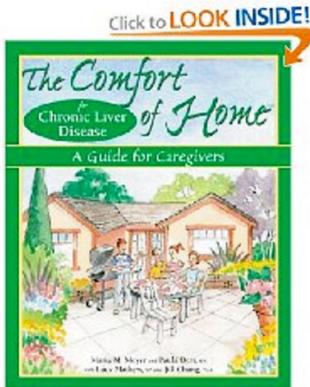
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someone who might be, please email [Andrea](#) and put "MRC Chair" in the subject line. **Note:** The MRC chair is a volunteer position.

### Book Review

#### [The Comfort of Home for Chronic Liver Disease: A Guide for Caregivers](#)



The creators of the [The Comfort of Home](#) (TCOH) book series have a new book specifically written for caregivers of patients with liver disease, including liver cancer. Neatly divided into three main sections: "Getting Ready," "Day by Day" and "Additional Resources" that contain a glossary, the 231-page book is designed in an easy-to-read format so that readers can quickly find the information they desire. "Paying for Care" and "Preparing the Home" are must-read chapters as well as the one titled "How to Avoid Caregiver Burnout" -- an often overlooked issue in the medical community. As someone who bought numerous books when my sister was ill, I can testify that there is not enough material specifically geared toward the everyday challenges that caregivers encounter. This particular book was written for a very targeted audience: the [caregivers of patients with chronic liver disease](#). Blue Faery

appreciates the narrow focus of TCOH's newest volume.

### Blue Faery's online store gets a makeover

With a new look and new products, Blue Faery's online store -- located at [Cafepress.com](#) -- has something for everyone in the family. This month we are featuring our popular canvas [Blue Faery Tote Bag](#). A perfect gift for anyone, our tote bag is also environmentally friendly because it doubles as a reusable grocery bag.

If you live near a Ralphs supermarket, you cannot only display your support for Blue Faery by shopping with our bag, but you can also join Ralphs community program. When you register your Ralphs card online (see directions below), Ralphs will make a contribution to Blue Faery on your behalf every time you shop at any of their grocery stores.

All you have to do is visit [Ralphs](#) and then login into your Ralphs card account (or create one). You will need the number on your Ralphs card, and then you will need to search for "Blue Faery" under community programs. If you cannot find Blue Faery, search by our nonprofit organization number -- 90759. In less than 30 seconds, you will become a Ralphs community program participant. Thank you for joining us in our fight against liver cancer!



### Order Blue Faery's FREE educational brochures

As a reminder, our [HCC Patient Education Brochure](#) is free of charge to all patients, their families and their healthcare providers. The brochure is currently available in English, Spanish and Chinese; however, we are considering other translations in the near future. To order FREE brochures for your patients, please contact Vice President and (current) chair of Medical Research [Sherri Rose](#); she will process your order via email, and it will be shipped at no charge. If your patients need information right away, they may download the brochure from our website at <http://www.bluefaery.org>.



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