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# Blue Faery

Quarterly Newsletter — Winter Edition

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## Meet two-time liver cancer patient Kathie Bryson

"Force of Nature" doesn't even begin to describe this tall, Irish, Midwestern nurse who developed hepatocellular carcinoma due to a hepatitis C infection. Two out of 100 healthcare workers contract hepatitis C, and Kathie's diagnosis in 2003 turned her into an activist. When state [Rep. Jim Lembke](#) innocently knocked on Kathie's door and asked how he could help her, she jumped on the chance to tell him her story. Soon, Jim and other lawmakers created the bill [HCR12](#); it passed in the Missouri state legislature in May 2006. Kathie shared her story in the award-winning documentary [Prometheus Bound: the Epidemic of Hepatitis C](#) narrated by Susan Sarandon. Kathie likes to call the film her "hair journey" because you can watch as her hair grows back after chemotherapy.



Kathie handles every challenge in her life with humor, courage and an inner strength that most people don't possess. Kathie's tireless activism made her Blue Faery's first [Adrienne Wilson Spirit Award](#) winner this past December. Kathie chose to use the funds toward the treatment of the recurrence of her liver cancer, which has metastasized to her lungs and her neck. Despite her prognosis, Kathie remains optimistic saying, "I have tried to prepare those I love that I won't beat it this time, but I will not go down without a fight. I feel blessed to have survived this long, especially when a little angel named Adrienne only made it 147 days."

## Check out Blue Faery's new website features

Thanks to the team at [Counterintuity](#), Blue Faery's website has been redesigned to feature even more content for patients, doctors and the public. The newest addition for patients is the [Adrienne Wilson Spirit Award](#). There are five new areas specifically dedicated to doctors including the [Advisory Board](#), the [Blue Faery Award](#), the [HCC Brochures](#) and the [Treatment Centers](#) page, which shows where our patient education brochures have been distributed in the United States. We have created a new [Press Room](#) where we invite you to go to read more about Blue Faery. [Adrienne's Story](#) is now under "About Us" but the link to her online journal is still available as well as additional materials that were not previously released on the website.

## Join Blue Faery's NEW Facebook Cause

Blue Faery now has Cause page on [Facebook](#). Support our cause by going to the [Blue Faery Cause](#) page. Tell your other friends about Blue Faery and our mission to prevent, treat and cure primary liver cancer through research, education and advocacy. You can even donate to Blue Faery through Facebook!

## Give to Blue Faery by using your Ralphs card

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community program participant. Ralphs will make a time you shop at any of their grocery stores (i.e., Kroger). er cancer!

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**Do you have a liver cancer news story?**

Email Andrea if you have a story that you think would be of interest for our quarterly newsletter. Put "Blue Faery Newsletter" in the subject line, and we will consider it for our next edition.



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