“Cancer adds to the story of my individual life; it adds to my character and my sense of humor. Cancer blessed me... it hasn’t cursed me.”

— Adrienne Wilson
1986 - 2001

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ORE MISSION

Research
• To accelerate the acquisition and application of scientific understanding and to advance the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and cure of Hepatocellular Carcinoma.
• To increase the scientific understanding of the correlation between hepatitis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma.
• To establish international alliances in a joint effort to find a cure for Hepatocellular Carcinoma.
• To make clinical trials and treatment options available to all patients diagnosed with Hepatocellular Carcinoma regardless of age, gender or ethnicity.

Education
• To educate the public on the causes, symptoms, treatment options and prevention of Hepatocellular Carcinoma through lectures and literature developed by the organization, as well as through the use of Adrienne Wilson’s name, likeness, personal story and medical case history.
• To educate the public on the correlation between hepatitis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma.

Advocacy
• To increase influence with private and public organizations to achieve Blue Faery’s goals.
• To increase awareness of Blue Faery among the public in order to increase support for our mission and reach more people with the services we provide.
• To facilitate contact among patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma, their families and healthcare providers for the purposes of support, exchange of knowledge and participation in clinical trials.

FACTS ABOUT HCC
(Hepatocellular Carcinoma)
• HCC is the 4th most common cancer in the world.
• HCC is the 2nd largest cause of cancer deaths worldwide.
• HCC accounts for approximately 84% of all liver cancers.
• Approximately 78% of people with HCC also have hepatitis B and/or C.
• Over 1.2 million people in the United States have hepatitis B. Approximately 4 million people in the United States have hepatitis C.
• Over the past two decades, the incidence of HCC in the United States has tripled.
• HCC related to hepatitis C infection has become the fastest-rising cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States.
• The five-year survival rate for people who fully recover from HCC is approximately 15%.

THE TYPICAL PATIENT
Although the progress of Adrienne’s disease was typical for HCC patients, teenagers are not the primary group affected by liver cancer.

The typical patient:
• Is over the age of 40.
• Is 2 – 3 times more likely to be male than female.
• Has a history of hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C.
• Displays no symptoms until late in the progress of the disease.

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with HCC, please contact Blue Faery at http://www.bluefaery.org to obtain our FREE Patient Education Brochure.

ADRIENNE’S STORY
Adrienne Wilson was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on April 8, 1986. Adrienne spent most of her childhood with her older sister Andrea J. Wilson, whom she affectionately called “Sissy.” In 1994, Adrienne began living with Andrea in Los Angeles. Andrea eventually became Adrienne’s legal guardian.

On May 16, 2001, Adrienne came home from high school experiencing intense pain under her right ribs. Andrea rushed her to the ER, where tumors were discovered in her liver and lungs. Adrienne was diagnosed with Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) aka primary liver cancer. She died 147 days later. Andrea started Blue Faery to honor Adrienne.

Why Blue Faery?
Adrienne’s favorite color was blue and she always loved faeries. She bought a pair of blue wings that she wore on special occasions and when she became ill, Adrienne requested a blue wig to maintain her look. Soon, friends and family started calling Adrienne our Blue Faery.