



March 24, 2014

Dear Families of Pope John XXIII, Our Lady of the Angels, and John Paul II School Catholic Schools, and Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church,

We would like to request your prayers for a family in our community. Tonya Nixon, is a wonderful wife to Trent and mother to 5 year old Danica, attending kindergarten at Pope John XXIII, and Brandon, who went to OLA and graduated from John Paul II High School last June.

In November of 2013, Tonya was diagnosed with a very aggressive pancreatic cancer. Doctors immediately began intense cancer treatment and performed surgery in December. Unfortunately, shortly after Christmas, Tonya was told the cancer had progressed rapidly and that her condition is now terminal.

While it is always difficult to understand why these kinds of things happen to young families we, as a faith community, are called to pray and to trust God's love, to remain hopeful, and to share in the journey as much as possible. Despite the terminal diagnosis, Tonya is maintaining a positive spirit and remains hopeful that miracles can and do happen. This is our prayer and hope as well. Tonya has shared that she loves to live and lives to love. She is a woman of amazing strength and positive energy. She is also embracing the reality that she may not be with us long.

Our Catholic School community, in conjunction with the broader faith community of Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, are seeking your support. During casual conversation with some close friends and family, the idea of a *Make a Wish Foundation* for terminally ill adults with very young families was shared. Such a possibility would enable a joyful and lasting memory for Tonya and her family.

With your generous help, we hope to make this possible in some small way. Please understand that due to medical concerns, timing is urgent and we will collect donations until Good Friday, April 18th. Please forward any monetary contributions you feel called to give to any location listed below:

Pope John XXIII Catholic School
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School

John Paul II Catholic High School
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church

For the purposes of simplifying the collection and accounting, please identify your donation as being for Tonya Nixon and make any cheques payable to Pope John XXIII Catholic School Parent Council.

On behalf of the Nixon Family and all four faith communities, thank you for your prayers and support.

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