

Beacon of Hope

In Honor of Pat & Jeff Gallahue

The god awful disease called cancer is life changing from the moment you hear, "You have metastasized cancer, we need to see you right away!"

My husband Jeff was told he had metastasized throat cancer on his speakerphone while driving to golf with our son, Tom. God awful, right?!

At the moment we heard that news, Jeff and I, along with our children Tom, Kate, Joanne, and Patrick, began the long journey of scans, medical appointments, sitting long hours in the infusion room, radiation rounds, more scans, more appointments and more worry, praying to God, and did I say more worry. But in this journey we have been blessed with new life long friends, Jeff's oncologist Dr. Ryan Sullivan, who we all think is our new God, Dr. Mahadavan, who radiated the "crap" out of Jeff's throat, which in



turn got rid of his tumor, who is another of our gods, and Jackie (Jeff's oncology nurse) who is an angel above all angels.

My HOPE is that no other family has to go through what we went through—but if this awful disease comes into your life, you will be as lucky as the Gallahues in that you will be surrounded by a wonderful family and friends who sustain you and a medical team that is the best in the country to get you through the journey. ~Pat Gallahue

Jeff and Pat are the founders of the We Beat Cancer Foundation. To learn more, please visit www.webeatcancer.org.