

Benefit for Charlene



Charlene Baldassaro is an operating room nurse at West Jefferson Medical Center who was diagnosed in 2009 with colon cancer. She has spent her professional career, including her training at Charity Hospital, caring for the sick. Now she is in need of our help.

Since undergoing treatment for her condition (which includes surgery, chemotherapy and radiation), she has been unable to work. She is traveling regularly to Houston for treatments at MD Anderson. The insurance premiums through her husband's employer are astronomical. Without her income, the financial burden is enormous.

Charlene is a fun-loving wife to Mark and devoted mother of two – Lauren (9) and Logan (8), who is autistic and requires special care. Fortunately for the family, Charlene's mother has moved in with them to help out. Throughout her ordeal, Charlene has maintained her positive attitude and good-natured personality.

To help ease the financial burden of her ongoing medical care, we are hosting a fundraiser and hope you can join us.

Friday July 15, 2011 7 pm-11pm

**Generations Hall
310 Andrew Higgins Drive
NOLA 70130**

FREE FOOD * OPEN BAR * MUSIC

SILENT AUCTION * LIVE AUCTION

The money raised will help defray the costs of Charlene's ongoing medical care.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by check (payable to Friends in Need Foundation, P.O. Box 56475, Metairie, LA 70055, Fed ID # 72-1387553) online at www.friendinneed.org through PayPal, or at the door. Benefit Sponsorship levels of \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 are available for purchase as well.