

July 28th, 2014

The Kerri Castello Tennis Challenge will be hosted at the Mobile Country Club on October 11th. We all have experienced cancer in one form or another; through a family member, a friend or a neighbor. Kerri was diagnosed with osteosarcoma at the age of 16 and lost her battle with cancer soon after her 18th birthday. Before she died, she asked me to continue her fight against cancer, so one day no child would have to suffer from such devastating disease.

Kerri was a patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, the best childhood cancer research facility in the world. Moreover, I am participating in a pancreatic cancer clinical trial at the Mitchell Cancer Institute. My grandmother, my uncle, and my mother died of pancreatic cancer.

The Kerri Castello Cancer Research Foundation continues to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and the Mitchell Cancer Institute in Mobile. Enclosed you will find information on the progress of osteosarcoma research at St. Jude and pancreatic cancer at the Mitchell Cancer Institute.

Please support our efforts to continue funding cancer research, thus fulfilling Kerri's dream - to find a cure for childhood and adult cancer. Enclosed you will find a donation form allowing you to make a donation in honor or memory of a family member, a friend, or a neighbor (your name will be added to the Kerri Castello Tennis Challenge banner when donating \$200 or more).

If you have any questions about the tournament or its mission, contact me by phone 251-716-8973 or e-mail loral41@aol.com. Sign up for the tournament or stop by to enjoy a day of tennis and celebrate Kerri's fight against cancer.

Sincerely,

Lora Castello, Director
Kerri Castello Tennis Challenge