

Bright Light Foundation

The future is looking bright thanks to a great foundation's special event, held at Cypresswood Gulf Club on October 11, 2003. The foundation is the Bright Light Foundation, named for their inspiration and first recipient, Tammy Bright, and it was their Golf Tournament, Dinner and Auction fundraisers that made it possible for Tammy to be handed a check in the amount of \$75,000 to assist with medical expenses.

Tammy, a diabetic, has had to deal with many complications including heart damage, kidney failure, and blindness. Aware of her condition, several people shared the desire to do something to help her family in a substantial way. An initial meeting was held mid-year 2003 to explore possible fund raising ideas, during which it was decided that Tammy was but one of probably many, associated with the Oil and Gas business, dealing with debilitating illnesses. So, what started as an idea to help one has now become a crusade to help many. In the four months following that initial meeting, a foundation was formed as a 501-c3 organization. It seemed only right for the foundation to be named in honor of Tammy Bright since she had served as the inspiration for its creation. Her determination to conquer whatever comes her way continues to inspire all who have come to know her. Melissa Blanscet, one of the attendees at the initial meeting held in May, coined the name "Bright Light Foundation".

Tammy Bright received a kidney transplant several weeks following the October event and thankfully no longer requires dialysis. She plans to attend vocational training for the blind and hopes to return to teaching, her true passion.

This year's recipient(s) will be selected from applications currently being accepted. The event is currently being planned for the first weekend in October with a July 31st deadline for applicants. To request an application for yourself, a family member, friend, or co-worker, please contact Nancy Steele at 713-705-0712 or via e-mail (nancy.steele@sbcglobal.net).



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Bright Light Foundation Mission:

Inspired by the faith and courage of Tammy Bright and her family, the mission of the Bright Light Foundation is to raise funds, in the spirit of compassion and fun, to assist with the medical needs of those within the oil-field community stricken by catastrophic illness.