

# CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY

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To all our amazing neighboring businesses, friends, and studio families,

On December 2nd, Creative Arts Academy is honored to be doing this year's Benefit Concert "Let Love Sparkle" for one of our amazing ballet teachers, Silver Martin.

Silver Martin (Barkes) was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (Diffuse Large B-Cell NHL). After a year of not feeling well, Silver discovered a mass in her neck which quickly grew in size. A CT Scan and biopsy revealed that it was, in fact cancer. It had also spread to her lungs making it Stage 2. At same time she was diagnosed with cancer, Ryan, Silver's husband, learned the company he worked for was folding. He was notified that he will no longer have a job.

On April 10th Silver began treatment and endured 5 days (4 hours/day) of chemo, every 21 days for 6 rounds. Since her treatment, she has experienced some unexpected hurdles. The cancer found in her lungs and one side of her throat responded well to the R-CHOP. Unfortunately, while there was a reduction in the size of the second (more stubborn) tumor in her neck, Silver noticed that after completing the last round of chemo, it started to grow rapidly. A PET scan confirmed that more treatment is necessary.

In September, Silver began a new treatment called CAR T-cell therapy. It is a form of immunotherapy that uses specially altered T cells — a part of the immune system — to fight cancer. The CAR-T cell therapy treatment will be outpatient over the next few months and there can be some severe side effects. In addition, the treatment can cost \$500,000. Silver is strong, resilient, and determined. But she is exhausted and NEEDS our love and positivity. Ryan is still out of a job and taking care of Silver. Together with her husband Ryan, their beautiful 7 year old son Will, and our support, they will win this battle with Lymphoma!

In order to make this Benefit Concert a huge success, we are holding an online Silent Auction. We are looking for donations in the form of goods and services from our local businesses to raise money. We would appreciate anything you can donate! All donations will go to Silver and her family.

Donations for the Silent Auction will be due to Creative Arts Academy by Tuesday, November 7th. The Silent Auction will be held online November 27th - December 2nd.

Thank you in advance for your donations, we know we have wonderful and generous businesses here in Utah and fantastic families here at Creative Arts Academy! For more information or any questions, or if you need us to pick up your donation, contact Alissa Baird at 415.309.8300 or [alissa.baird@gmail.com](mailto:alissa.baird@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
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