



# Komak Quarterly

April 2019

## 2019 Fundraisers

May 4  
Nasi's Persian Dinner

August 3  
Survivor Cancer Challenge  
*Presenting Sponsor*



August 8th – 11th  
WinCo Foods Portland  
Open presented by Kraft  
Heinz

## Survivor Cancer Challenge

**Teams of (4) compete in an Aerial  
Adventure Course to help raise money  
for Cancer patients**

Gaston, OR

Saturday – August 3rd 2:00pm to 7pm

**Tree to Tree Aerial Adventure Park**

**Fun For the Whole Family !**

*Music, Food Trucks, Beer & Wine Tent, Kids Zone*

Raffle drawings throughout the day

\$10 Admission for Spectators

\$500 per team of 4 (includes: aerial courses, ticket for food, 2  
drink tickets and team Buff)

*Team information and ticket purchase(s) are available at  
[www.komakcares.org](http://www.komakcares.org)*

### WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft Heinz

100% of ticket sales go directly to the charity of **your choice (Komak)** through the Nabisco Tickets For Charity program.

The WinCo Foods Portland Open – final event of the Web.com Tour regular season.

Your \$25 purchase of a 4 day (8th through the 11th) ticket includes :

- *Golf, Grapes & Brews Thursday – Sunday ....10 tastings of the finest wineries and craft breweries in the Northwest!!!*
- *Under Armor ....Junior golf Clinic – Saturday 2:00pm features interactive format includes: watch the Pro's hit towering drives and trick shots, they'll have the opportunity to take a few swings themselves with pointers from the stars of the game.*
- *Family Day – Saturday 10:00am to 2pm Posters, lunch and a tournament souvenir will be given to the first 250 children in attendance. See the best golfers in the world, take home an autograph and make a memory. Kids 17 and under admitted free all week to the Portland Open.*
- *Breakfast at Pumpkin Ridge...All Sunday ticket holders can enjoy a complimentary breakfast at the Witch Hollow Clubhouse*

**Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course 12930 NW Old Pumpkin Ridge Rd. North Plains, OR 97133**

## Jesus's Story

In 2018 Jesus and Asusena had been together close to 12 years. They rented a mobile home, Jesus was working full time which allowed Asusena the ability to stay at home with their 2 daughters, Melissa 7 and Sofia 1. They were slowly saving money for their future.

One day Jesus fell at work which led to back pain. He struggled with pain for a few months, seeing his MD and working with a physical therapist. His pain continued and he sought the help of a chiropractor, which led to an MRI, which led to his diagnosis of cancer.

Thus, began the battery of tests which eventually confirmed Testicular cancer. He had surgery to remove the tumor. He then began chemotherapy which was initially only 3 rounds of treatment, but the scan also showed a tumor close to his spine and a fourth round of treatment was given to achieve the best chance of survival.

During this time period, Komak became involved as Jesus was unable to work and Asusena was his main caregiver and their savings were almost gone. Komak helped with 3 months of support from June through August, paying rent, phone and utilities.

September found Jesus back at work with a planned MRI in 3 months to evaluate his response and assess the tumor near the spine. Jesus was getting stronger; his hair was returning, and life was starting to normalize again.

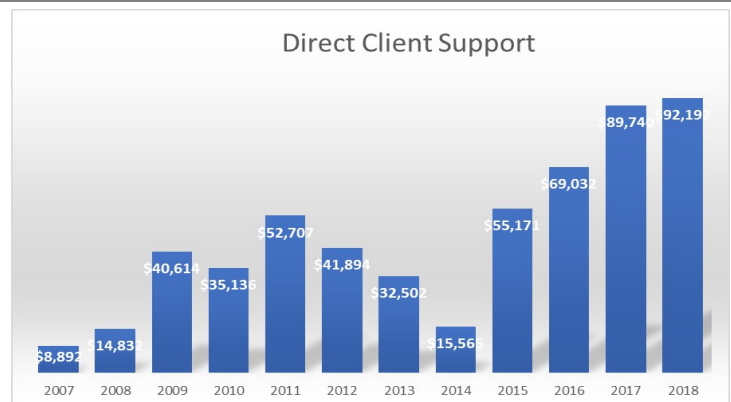
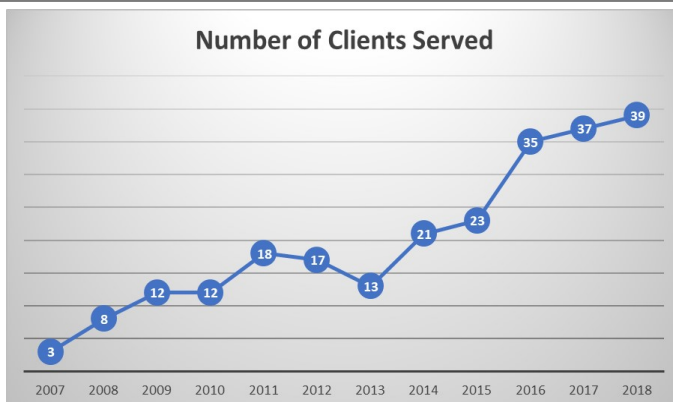
Fast forward to December and the tumor near the spine had responded enough to risk its surgical removal. Late December he underwent a 15-hour surgery and his recovery was going well, but he was unable to work for 8 weeks during this recovery period.

Jesus and Asusena reached out to Komak for further assistance, Komak was able to cover rent and utilities for January and February of 2019.



Jesus has returned to work full time, he still has some pain from the surgery, but overall his strength is returning, and he is very happy to have a full head of hair. His life and the life with his family is now moving forward.

Jesus is very grateful that Komak kept him and his family safe during their struggles .



*Our numbers have increased dramatically this year, by April we helped 24 clients with 5 more in process.*

### CANCER SAYS WAIT, BUT LIFE DOESN'T WAIT WITH IT

What do you think of when you hear the words "fighting cancer?" Chemotherapy? Scientific research? We think of electric bills and house payments and groceries and long sleepless nights.

We think of emotional needs and financial needs. A cancer diagnosis stops people in their tracks. But life doesn't wait for them to catch up. Rent comes due, families need to eat, children need school clothes. We believe that financial concerns should be the least of people's worries during cancer treatment.

**Komak was founded and organized with the primary mission of providing interim financial assistance to qualified individuals with cancer and who are in need of immediate assistance.**