

The Real Deal Heal Appeal!

Walking with Ed on His Journey to Wellness



The sun is shining brightly onto the back yard of a Madison Valley home in Seattle. Children play as a gospel choir's sweet melody fills the air as many families gather for a barbeque.

A smoky yet delicious aroma comes from one corner of the yard. Under the carport, a gentle, giant of a man is standing at a hot BBQ grill. His name is Ed and he is busy at work making sure everyone gets a well-done hotdog, hamburger or spare rib.

He smiles, waves and chats with everyone as they pick from the generous variety of food from the potluck table.

I am sure we all can remember a similiar scene with our respective families this past summer. However, for Ed and his family, a backyard barbeque may not be a reality in 2010. Why?

In July of this year, Ed found out he had acute lymphocytic leukemia. The good news is that the doctors believe it was caught in its early stages. The solution is chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. The bad news is that since Ed is the main bread winner of his househould, there are many living and medical expenses that the family will not be able to pay.

After his bone marrow transplant next year, Ed will need to remain at the UW Hospital for at least three months. It could be more than year before the doctors allow him to go back to work.

We are asking for your help at the **Real Deal Heal Appeal!** from 6:00 to 9:00pm on *Saturday, November 14th* at First AME Church, 1522 14th Ave, Seattle, WA 98112.

- * register to be a bone marrow donor,
- * start your Christmas shopping at the auction,
- * enjoy a delicious dinner (Jeremiah Beckwith Jr is cooking!) and musical entertainment - only \$25 a ticket! (for more information and/or to purchase tickets go to www.righteousharvest.org).

The Jackson Family greatly appreciates your gift of support.