



angel TREE MISSION



The Robles Family

Battling: 49-year-old, Melody

In August of last year, Mark Robles was diagnosed with a rare cancer; Large B cell diffused lymphoma. As a single father, he was surely facing a hard journey. But he soon learned that he wouldn't be fighting this fight alone. His then girlfriend and two-time cancer survivor, Melinda, said "I do" and they were married shortly after his diagnosis. Their family was now officially a family of eight with six beautiful daughters between them.

With his girls by his side, Mark was ready to fight. Uninsured, he has been receiving treatment at Ben Taub Hospital. He's undergone six rounds of R-ECHOP, three rounds of RESHAP and currently doing three rounds of Rice. Unfortunately, he has not shown positive results and he will need a Stem Cell Transplant in order to save his life. Without it, his life expectancy is two years at best. They're hoping he will receive the transplant in January at Methodist.

With four of their six girls still living at home, the financial situation hasn't been ideal. Melinda is on disability from her battle with uterine & breast cancer and their total income is \$950 per month. They have been denied any and all medical assistance and are currently awaiting a court date for disability, which could take 12-18 months. Parking, gas, birthdays and Christmas have been a real challenge.

This year we join to help this family have a wonderful Christmas!