



angel TREE MISSION



The McZeal Family

Battling: 76-year-old, Geraldine

Just over two years ago, Cormay's mother, Geraldine, was diagnosed with colon cancer. Sweet Geraldine is currently stage IV and the cancer has metastasized to her liver with two lesions. She had an emergency surgery that left her with having to live with a colostomy bag. Her chemotherapy treatments began in December 2016, less than 2 months after her diagnosis, and since then she has had three blood transfusions and microwave ablation surgery.

Geraldine has been hospitalized during chemo treatments and has had to visit the ER several times for high sugar as a result of the chemotherapy. Her aggressive chemotherapy side effects are heart attack and stroke which keep the family on edge. Geraldine also has diabetes and high blood pressure. She's currently still taking chemo, which makes her weak, dizzy and feeling very sick.

As her only child, Cormay is her mom's sole caretaker. Since the onset of her mom's cancer, she has exhausted her FMLA time with her employer, the City of Houston, where she had worked for 10 years. As a result, she had to resign from her job in October 2017 in order to continue to care for her mom. Being unemployed brought on financial hardships that made things increasingly harder for Cormay, who is a single parent with a son who is in his sophomore year of college.

Cormay now works part time, but it's nowhere near enough to cover costs. Traveling to and from the hospital has been extremely expensive - at one stay, which was 8 days, she spent approximately \$500 in parking. She has tried to get food assistance but was told she only qualifies for \$15.00 because she lives with her mom and rent is the only expense considered. Let's bring some relief to this family for Christmas!

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