



## The Langston Family

Battling: 33-year-old, Amanda

Amanda is a US Veteran who proudly served in the US Army for five years, where she met her at the time Husband and came to Houston with her young family. Amanda has two amazing children, 6-year-old Jase, and 3-year-old Sadie.

In November of 2018, Amanda found some lumps. She quickly met an OBGYN who sent her to Baylor Medical for an ultrasound and mammogram. While at Baylor, the doctors scheduled a biopsy right away. Within 24 hours, she received the call no woman wants to receive. The doctors told her that she had breast cancer, and she learned that she has the BCRA 2 gene, which puts her at high risk for cancer.

At first, she began treatment and maintained her job as a Kindergarten Teacher. She underwent many rounds of chemo and

a double mastectomy this past July. She couldn't continue teaching due to the amount of work loss. The loss of work hurt her income. She has changed jobs where she can work more from home and can work around the chemo treatments she still needs to receive. This change in professions created a gap in insurance for her as she receives her insurance coverage through work. She has had to put her next 17 rounds of treatment on hold until her new insurance is activated.

While undergoing chemo treatments and trying to continue work, Amanda also separated from her husband and found herself a single mom. Because of the divorce, she finds herself living in a struggling financial means. Since she is originally from California, she does not have any close family nearby. Amanda has bravely taken on many of the life changes the last year has handed her. She is eager and considers it a blessing to give her kids a Christmas she wouldn't be able to do alone.

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