

The tsmJ Early Cancer Detection Financial Assistance Endowment

Mission: Initiate a perpetual tribute to our deceased daughter Jennifer Ann Rahn who, at 44 years of age, was initially informed that she was "too young" to "need" a colonoscopy despite experiencing gastrointestinal difficulties. Eventually, after the pursuit and failure of several alternative diagnoses and associated accepted remedies, a colonoscopy was conducted and a colon cancer diagnosis concluded -- that it had already advanced to Stage IV. After a courageous and valiant long fight, she eventually succumbed on 9/11/2014 at 48 years of age.

Objective: Supply an annual source of funds to provide financial assistance for colon and/or rectal cancer discovery screening & identification services to indigent persons residing in the Lanark, Illinois vicinity. These screening services should include: fecal occult blood testing, colonoscopies and/or other scientifically grounded procedures/methods currently available or that may evolve in the future.

Funding priority is to be given to persons under 50 years of age.

The tsmJ acronym is based on/derived from her favorite sincere expression of gratitude: "Thank-you so much!"