



*On behalf of the Rutledge Cancer Foundation staff, board and cancer community, I want to take this moment to express our deep gratitude to those on the front lines of the COVID-19 outbreak. To all of the scientists, doctors, nurses, hospital staff and first responders, know that we are deeply grateful for your selfless and courageous efforts to help our cancer patients through uninterrupted treatment*

*and research for a cure.*

*(Pictured in San Antonio at the February AYA Conference left to right: Laura Rutledge, Brenda Lammers, Adrienne Pingel, Megan Clifton of Cancer Care Services, and Carolyn Roberts)*

*We send our prayers for health and safety to all of you.  
With Hope,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Rutledge".

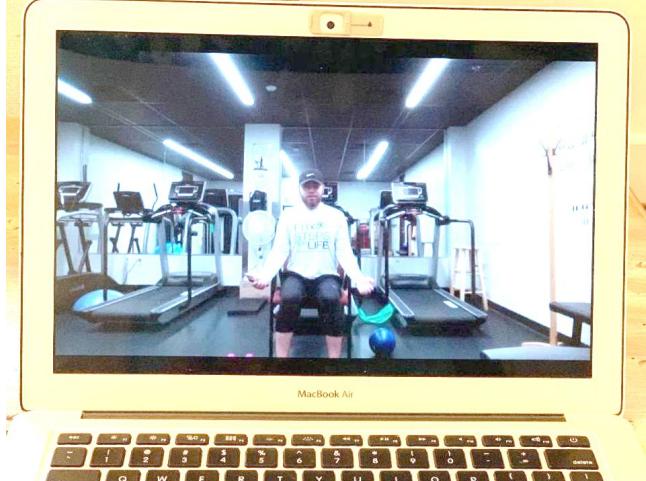
## Fit Steps Is Making Moves

As all of you know, cancer does not take a day off during a pandemic and neither do the patient programs that RCF supports. Our three major patient programs, Carley's Closet, Fertility Preservation and FitSteps For Life continue to operate and address the unique needs of our AYA cancer

population, just in a more creative way.

RCF checked in with Tony Truong, our Fort Worth FitSteps For Life Director, to see how he was handling the required social distancing. His answer?

*"We've moved our program online! In fact, there is a class today at noon!"*



These programs would not be available to our wonderful patients and survivors without you. Click [Tony's Lunchtime Workout](#) and stay fit as you shelter in place!

To learn more about the online classes, click[here](#).

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## Social Distancing... #pizzAYAparty



What is RCF doing for our patients now that we are social distancing?

-sending online gift cards for food, gas, movies and other needs for our nurse navigators to email to our patients!

-having a #pizzAYAparty and virtual Zoom party to celebrate AYA Awareness Week. On Wednesday, April 8, Rutledge Cancer Foundation, Mama's Pizza and Fort Worth AYA hosted a drive up pizza party at three different Mama's locations. The #pizzAYAparty and Zoom party were for local cancer patients and AYA medical staff. Here are some highlights from Megan, our Zoom leader.

*"We had AYA's from all over the metroplex join us. Fort Worth, Dallas, Arlington, and Hurst. Some were eating their pizza while we chatted. HOLA Mama's! We covered everything from fertility, to dating, to being an AYA with children, talking to your kids about cancer, cancer and COVID-19, and just life!"*

# Rutledge Day at the Rodeo

One of our favorite patient events of the year is Rutledge Day at the Rodeo! On Sunday, January 26, RCF hosted our eighth-annual Rutledge Day at the Rodeo at the new Dickies Arena. More than 150 Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Patients and their family members saddled up for an authentic western experience including a barbecue lunch, rodeo performances, and backstage tours of the new arena.

Since 2014, RCF has been able to provide this experience for more than 1,205 patients and guests. This would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors and donors. Thank you to this year's Rodeo Sponsors: Gary Ray and Modco Insurance - Covey Park Energy - Structured Annuities Inc. - Sangalli Private Ventures - Air Relief Technologies Inc. - Heritage Land Bank - Gerrish Consulting.



## RCF Helps Fund New Ewing Trial at Dana Farber



RCF helped fund a Phase II Ewing Trial along with other foundations at Dana Farber through Dr. Steve Dubois who is conducting the trial. 5 out of the 15 patients needed for accrual have already entered the trial. Initial results should be reported later in the year. [Click here to learn more about the trial.](#)

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## RCF donates \$75,000 for Onco-Fertility Preservation



RCF helps fund the Onco-Fertility Preservation Program in partnership with Moncrief Cancer Institute in Fort Worth. To date, RCF has funded \$199,220 for the program thanks to our generous donors and grantors.

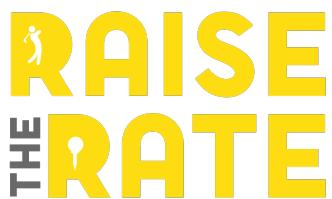
*"As a young college student, my cancer diagnosis completely flipped my life upside down. I love children, and the thought of not having a family broke my heart. Preserving my fertility helped ease the heartbreak. I now have a future to look forward to." Galen Storey*

Please click [here](#) to learn more about this much needed program.

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## Save the Date!





## TOP GOLF: TEE OFF AGAINST CANCER

Saturday,  
September 19



Thursday,  
June 11

Survivor/Patient  
Event- Fall 2020



Shop at [Amazon Smile](#)! Go to Amazon Smile, search for Rutledge Cancer Foundation and make RCF your chosen charity.

A portion of your purchase will go toward supporting crucial RCF Patient Programs like Carley's [Closet](#).

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Meeting the needs of our cancer patients is more critical than ever. You are our lifeline and we are incredibly grateful for each of you!  
Thank you for helping us

*Ease Cancer's Impact, Raise Survival Rates,  
and Find A Cure !*



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