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Public Announcement

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To all of the Journey's friends, family and community members, some important news is needing to be shared with all of you effective immediately.

January 8, 2015 the Executive Director and my husband, Stephen Karnes for The Journey Street Newspaper was diagnosed with Stage 3b Small Cell Carcinoma limited aka Stage 3 Lung Cancer. It is a very aggressive form of cancer. The Doctor only gave him 4 months.

He agreed to do Chemotherapy and Radiation in hopes of eradicating it. He stated that if at any given time that these treatments were not working he chose to have quality of life over quantity meaning that treatments would stop and he would live the last of his life enjoying his friends and family versus being sick from treatments.

From February 2015 to September 2015 he did these treatments off and on as his body would allow in hopes that the cancer would go away. November 2015 CT Scan showed that the tumors had shrink, had not grown and he was doing fine. He had blown past his 4 months prognosis.

Three months later, another CT Scan was done to see how he was doing. February 27, we received the news: the cancer had metastasized, forming a new tumor in the back of his stomach the size of a soft ball. The other tumor in his right lung had also grown to the same size.

Neither tumor could be removed or cut out: one was wrapped in blood vessels in the lung and the other one was too close to other vital organs. Trying to cut them out would expedite the growth of the cancer thus shortening what time he has left. He has chosen quality of life over quantity of life.

Doctors only gave him 6 months and put him on home hospice. His body has weakened some, and he's getting used to what he can and can't do with his body in the shape it's in. He still has his state of mind and



still is his usual jovial self. He will blow by the 6 months prognosis as well.

Effectively immediately, The Journey Street Newspaper will be on hold while I take care of him until the very end and spend my time with him creating wonderful memories to live by. Please be patient with us and pray for us as we go through all this. After everything is all said and done, my grieving over and done with, the newspaper will be back online once again.

Thank you everyone for all your support and prayers during this time.

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