



## The Story of Paulie's Pies

Paulie's Pies began in the Hudson household where Liz started baking pies in her early teens after her dad, Paul, wanted a homemade apple pie. Liz began making different kinds of pies, and one of her staples became her famous Apple Pie, and "Paulie's Pie" (Chocolate & Peanut Butter). Over time, Liz baked all kinds of pie flavors, and experimented with diabetic friendly options for Dad, until he passed away in 2014. Fast forward to 2018, where at the age of 30 Liz was diagnosed with Stage 3 very aggressive breast cancer. Liz had to stop baking and focus on fighting for her life and created Team Sunshine as part of her cheer team/positive attitude (known as "Sunshine" at work). Team Sunshine became part of Liz and encompassed a whole cheerleading/support team of friends, family, loved ones, and other fellow cancer warriors. Liz battled fertility preservation, 4 months of chemo, a double mastectomy with reconstruction, 30 rounds of radiation and an emergency lifesaving port removal surgery.

When Liz went into remission in May 2019, Liz wanted to find a way to give back for getting a second/third chance at life. Paulie's Pies became a reality after wanting to combine baking & giving back to the community. Paulie's Pies encompasses Paul's spirit, the joy of baking pies and helping support charities for folks with lifelong/chronic illnesses or who have been impacted by cancer. \$3 of each sold whole pie will be donated to a specific charity. Paulie's pies will choose different charities at throughout the year and will keep a running tally of fundraising from pie sales. As part of the 1<sup>st</sup> year launch of Paulie's Pies, we will be donating to support charities that give back to people affected by Breast Cancer. Both of these charities are very near & dear to Liz because they supported her while she was battling breast cancer. Liz was able to receive cancer resources (such as shopping for a wig), finding support groups, financial resources, and keeping her up-to date on news that could help her with her diagnosis.

## Paulie's Pies Fundraising

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Launch



#### **Fundraising Timeframe:**

August 2019 - October 2019

#### **Goal: \$250**

**Charity:** American Cancer Society with Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk @ Cantigny, Wheaton, IL 10/6/19



#### **Fundraising Timeframe:**

Throughout the month of October, we will be donating \$3 of every whole pie sold to The HallieStrong Foundation.

**Charity:** The HallieStrong Foundation's mission is to spread warmth and hope to those fighting cancer, one pair of socks at a time.