

Team Challenge

CROHN'S & COLITIS

Honored Teammate

Casey Wilson



Casey Wilson is 29 years old. After being diagnosed with "mild to moderate" Ulcerative Colitis in 2005, everything seemed to be under control. "If I didn't have to take a handful of pills 3 times a day, I would have no idea anything was wrong with me at all", said Casey. For whatever reason, the disease decided to take off running in 2006. Casey went through a long list of medications that either made him extremely ill, or did nothing at all over the course of the next year or so. Finally his doctor put him on a medication that seemed to keep him from having to constantly endure flare-ups. Unfortunately, this medication can just stop working for a patient by nature, and after about 3 years this was the case for him. By this time his colitis had progressed to "severe" and a colonoscopy revealed that his colon looked worse than before treatment of any kind had begun. It was at this point that the decision was made to go forward with surgery to remove his colon in October 2011. "While I am still only a few weeks removed from the procedure at the point of writing this, I can honestly say that I have not felt this great in years and am hopeful that it will only get better", Casey said.

Casey has had many personal challenges with the disease. "It really kept me from living my life". "I was terrified to leave the house, feeling like a 10 minute drive to the store was out of reach because I may not be able to make it there without having to use a restroom I may or may not pass en route."

Casey likes reading, music and anything Star Wars! Casey is an avid fan of the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs!

Casey's mother Cindy is a past Team Challenge participant and is a mentor for the Summer 2012 season!

Team Georgia is thrilled to have Casey as this season's honored teammate!