



Our son, Casey Strale, was diagnosed with adrenocortical carcinoma (ACC) in 2009 at the age of 12. ACC is an aggressive tumor with a bleak prognosis. Being a dedicated student and an avid Ice and Roller Hockey player, it was unbelievable that such a healthy young boy could ever develop such an aggressive form of cancer.

Despite his determination and positive outlook, Casey lost his battle on June 24, 2013 at the age of 16, but his story is one of survival, modern medicine and faith.



When we were first introduced to the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) by sixteen-year ACC survivor and TGen Foundation board member, Troy Richards, there were no promising options for treatment - even experimental ones. With TGen's help, we established a foundation in Casey's honor and memory that would raise funds for much needed pediatric and adult ACC research. Over Casey's four-year battle, all we could do was try clinical trials that were approved for other cancers in hopes that something would work, and surgically remove recurring masses. After multiple surgeries the cancer traveled to his spine and lungs, ultimately taking his life. Although it's too late for Casey, our hopes, dreams and prayers are to find a better and less invasive treatment for this monster of a disease.

ACC affects 1 to 2 people per million annually, making it difficult to collect enough tumor samples to analyze for prospective therapies. TGen is a world leader in translational genomic and proteomic cancer research - the study of genetic and protein drivers of disease. Without TGen's specialized team of scientists and clinical partners discovering new treatments through translational science and clinical trials, there would be no hope for kids and adults taken victim like Casey.

TGen and the Casey Strale Foundation are committed to raising funds together to bring awareness and fuel research to develop better, more effective therapies for ACC which will ultimately benefit other cancers as well. Casey's Cup and Foundation have been raising funds for ACC research since 2014 through an annual ice hockey charity event at The Rinks called "Casey's Cup" and other smaller fundraisers throughout the year. With the support of our wonderful hockey community, The Rinks and Anaheim Ducks organizations we have proudly raised over \$160,000 to date.

This year we are very excited to host our event at [Great Park ICE & FivePoint Arena](#)

Thanks to recent TGen breakthroughs in ACC, we are close to finding new treatments for this devastating form of adrenal cancer and are currently raising funds for a new and very hopeful precision clinical trial. With your support of an In-Kind donation for our silent auction or sponsorship, you can help us fight this disease and win!

Please join us at Casey's Cup 3v3 Ice Hockey Tournament on Saturday, April 13th, 2019. We will be there all day! Admittance is free. Come and enjoy Live Music at their new Restaurant & Bar, Raffle, Silent Auction and Exciting Hockey!

Today, we ask you as parents who walked an unthinkable path alongside our young son, to join in our mission. Thank you for your consideration and providing funds or donations to TGen for [The Casey Strale Foundation](#), in honor of a brave young man taken away too soon. If you would like to volunteer please email me: caseyscup@gmail.com or check our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/caseyscup/>. You can find team fees and rules on our website.

**We Skate for Cancer Research, Treatment & Quality of Life!
Would you please join us?**

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Make checks payable to TGen Foundation. **Donations can be mailed or call to arrange for a pick-up prior to April 1st, to Traci Strale, 47 Festivo, Irvine, CA 92606 and/or donate on line: <http://tgen.org/caseystrale>**

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