

“Ladybug” hikes 2,650 miles for Hospice... You can help, too!

In 2004, TriHealth Pavilion member Denise Hill, known by her trail name “Ladybug”, spent 5½ months hiking the 2,174 miles of the Appalachian Trail in honor of her sister, Cheryl, who died from breast cancer at the age of forty-four. Denise and her family created the Cheryl Rose Walden Foundation to keep her sister’s memory alive and to support worthy causes. Many people pledged donations in support of her Appalachian Trail thru-hike and Denise chose to give those monies (\$20,000) to Hospice of Cincinnati.

Now that the Appalachian Trail is behind her, Denise has embarked on an even more difficult journey. On April 18th, she departed for California and began a grueling six month, 2,650-mile trek, along the Pacific Crest Trail, which extends from Mexico to Canada! Fewer people have thru-hiked this trail than have climbed Mount Everest!

Once again Denise has chosen Hospice of Cincinnati to receive all donations pledged for this journey. Even though Denise endured a great deal of pain during the Appalachian Trail, she is facing an even more difficult and grueling adventure to honor the sister she loved and to raise money for the mission of Hospice of Cincinnati. We hope many individuals, groups and businesses will take this opportunity to honor Denise for her courage and dedication by pledging from one cent to one dollar for every mile

she hikes. She needs your pledge donations so she can fulfill her dream of raising money for Hospice of Cincinnati in her sister’s memory.

Please call Hospice at 891-7700 for more information or pick up a donation envelope on the fitness floor today.

