



June 12, 2010: Angioma Alliance Announces New Members of Board of Directors

Angioma Alliance is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to its Board of Directors.

Rachel Hart



Rachel Hart was diagnosed with a cavernous angioma in the summer of 2007 at the age of twenty-seven. The diagnosis came shortly after Rachel suffered a miscarriage. One month after her diagnosis, Rachel underwent a craniotomy at UT Southwestern in Dallas, Texas.

Rachel's husband, Derrick, discovered Angioma Alliance after her diagnosis. Angioma Alliance provided Derrick a great deal of answers and support that helped him through the process. Derrick introduced the website to Rachel, and ever since she has been honored to be a part of an organization that reaches out to affected patients and families all across the world. Rachel has helped organize fundraisers and has also been a mentor to several affected patients.

Rachel is now a proud mother. Her son Dane was born in December of 2008. Rachel is currently a kindergarten teacher, and she is working on her Masters in Counseling.

Savannah Hollis



Savannah Hollis was diagnosed with a cavernous angioma after suffering a hemorrhage shortly after her 21st birthday. Brain surgery successfully removed the brainstem lesion in the fall of 2006, and she has since recovered almost entirely. She has returned to school, and will graduate in December with a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Arlington. Medical school may have been the original goal, but she now plans to become a high school science teacher, hoping to serve as motivation for future doctors and researchers. Savannah's personal experiences with cavernous angioma have been featured in Cosmopolitan magazine, on "The Doctors" television program, on the ESPN website, and in the

Dallas/Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Savannah aspires to serve as a voice for those impacted by cavernous angioma, bringing attention to the cause and promoting public involvement in the mission of the Angioma Alliance.