

# ***Dragon Busters - Inaugural Team - 1999***



## ***Sharon Young***

*Sharon is married to Ron and mother to Travis. She is a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, and began working in Health Promotion for the Brandon RHA in 1994, following two decades in the mental health field.*

*Sharon was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 42 in 1996. Following a lumpectomy, mastectomy and six months of chemo (CEF), she participated in a 5-year double blind trial of tamoxifen for pre-menopausal women with estrogen-positive breast cancer. She will know the results of the study in 2010!*

*Sharon has been involved with many breast cancer organizations and activities locally and provincially since ending her treatment. In 1998, after hearing about Chemo Savvy getting started, she teamed up with Manager, Dorothy Gauer from Winnipeg and decided to form a Westman team, which in February 1999 became Westman Dragon Busters and later renamed as Waves of Hope. Sharon's dream was to bring a support mechanism to women with breast cancer that focused on survivorship.*

*Sharon and her family faced an even greater challenge in March 2004, when their beloved daughter Lindsey passed away at the age of 20 in very tragic circumstances. Her faith, friends, family and special supports with Waves of Hope have helped her to steer a somewhat steady course since, although life is forever changed.*

*Team Manager: 2000*

*Co-Manger: 2005-*