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#### Dear Friends:

As in years past, 2017 was marked by innovation, growth and expansion. As part of our commitment to enhance services to our community, the Nicklaus Children's Cancer & Blood Disorders Center launched Survive & Thrive: The Cancer Survivorship Program. Designed to provide support and follow up care for childhood cancer survivors, Survive & Thrive was created to help pediatric cancer survivors optimize their health and quality of life.

We expanded our patient support and community services—providing a host of outreach and support services to improve the quality of life for pediatric cancer patients. We also continued to earn the recognition of credentialing bodies and our peers. This report demonstrates the strides we made in fulfilling our mission.

We invite you to review this report and see how Nicklaus Children's delivers cancer care: mission-driven and guided by best practices and innovation. Our strong emphasis on patient and family centered care continually fuels our passion to meet the needs of those we serve.

Respectfully,

Enrique Escalon, MD
Director of Hematology/Oncology

# **2017 Events**

#### **March 2017**

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

#### May 2017

Skin Cancer Detection & Prevention Month

#### June 7, 2017

National Cancer Survivors Day

#### July 22-29, 2017

Camp U.O.T.S

#### September 2017

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

#### October 2017

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

#### November 2017

Nicklaus Children's Hospital Mini-Relay for Life Lung Cancer Awareness Month

In collaboration with



## **2017 Prevention & Screening Activities**

## **Skin Cancer Screening**

May was Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. The Division of Dermatology at Nicklaus Children's Hospital provided a free skin cancer screening to the community (adults and children) on May 26th, 2017 utilizing the American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) screening tool.





#### **Colon Cancer Awareness**

March is Colorectal Cancer
Awareness Month.
On March 16th and 21st
Colon Cancer education was
provided to staff and the community.
A booth was set up in the main lobby
of the hospital with education
material regarding diet, prevention,
and screening recommendations.









# In our Community Schools

#### **BMI Screenings**

3,163 BMI screenings have been completed to date. 613 interventions were completed including healthy lifestyle changes, such as good nutrition and weight management.

#### **HPV Vaccines**

38 HPV vaccines have been administered to students identified as incomplete for the series. Vaccines were provided during school hours, avoiding absenteeism.

#### **Health Fairs**

Health fairs and educational seminars have also been provided to students on cancer prevention. Topics include smoking, drinking, sun exposure, etc. To date, 2,300 students have participated in these health fairs.

BMI screenings, HPV vaccines, and Health Fairs will continue throughout the school year as part of our School Health Program in collaboration with The Children's Trust.

# **2017 Community Activities**

# **Cancer Survivor's Day**

On Sunday, June 4th, patients of the Cancer & Blood Disorders Center reunited with the doctors and nurses who cared for them to celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day at Dave & Buster's











# **Summer Camp**

This past Summer, patients of the Cancer & Blood Disorders Center attended the week-long sleepaway camp at A.D. Barnes Park in Miami-Dade. The annual summer camp is a dream come true for children with cancer and their families. Participants enjoy typical summer activities while under the care of their pediatric oncologists who are on the medical staff at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Activities range from a two night stay at Universal's Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios to a wide variety of fun local activities such as laser tag, kayaking, bowling, and a pool party.



# **Mini Relay for Life**

Nicklaus Children's Hospital, in collaboration with the American Cancer Society, hosted a Mini Relay for Life on-campus November 10th. The event celebrates people who have battled against cancer and remembers those loved ones lost.



# **2017 Community Activities**

# The Children's Bereavement Center Steps for Healing 5K

Team Nicklaus Children's Hospital participated in the Children's Bereavement Center Steps for Healing 5K



#### **Great American Smoke Out**

On November 16, 2017
Nicklaus Children's Cancer & Blood Disorders Center
participated in the Great
American Smoke Out. This
is an annual social engineering
event to encourage Americans to
stop tobacco smoking. The Great
American Smokeout challenges
smokers to quit cigarettes for 24
hours with the hopes that this
decision will continue forever.



