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

In collaboration with

American Cancer Society®
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.

Why is it Important to Get Screened for Colorectal Cancer?

Colorectal cancer screening for those over 50 years of age is one of the most powerful weapons for helping to prevent colorectal cancer or finding it early, when it’s easier to treat.

There are 2 types of screening tests your physician can order:

- **Tests that mainly find cancer:** These test your stool (poop) for signs that cancer may be present. These tests are easier, but they are also less likely to detect polyps.

- **Tests that can find both colorectal polyps and cancer:** These tests look on the inside of your colon to find any abnormal areas. Colonoscopy and sigmoidoscopy (look at the large and small intestine, respectively) are the preferred tests. These tests are preferred if they are available and you are willing to have them.

Insurance Information:

Insurance coverage varies and may change up to 100 percent per year. Always refer to your plan documents for specific coverage. Our care lines can answer questions about your plan before your test.

Colon Cancer Prevention Event:

The Cancer Center will host a Colon Cancer Prevention event on March 16th and 21st during Colon Cancer Awareness month.

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.

Join the Celebration!
Sunday June 4th

National Cancer Survivors Day
FREE ADMISSION
for child & immediate family members
11:30 am – 2:30 pm
Dolphin Mall
South wing activity 3 by Cheesecake Factory
Stalls 9B-102 & 102-104
Nicklaus Children’s Hospital
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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.

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.
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.