



**The Grand Chapter of Florida  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Worthy Grand Matron has chosen Cancer as one of her special committees. This committee is a fundraising committee and all of the proceeds will go to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute; a nonprofit cancer treatment and research center. Moffitt Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center based in Tampa, Florida and is home of Florida's largest clinical cancer research unit with more than 450 clinical trials.

Moffitt Cancer Center offers patients the opportunities to not only benefit from highly tailored treatment plans, but to also contribute to some of today's most important cancer research. The study is designed to:

- Evaluate the long--term effects of different cancers, treatment choices and lifestyle
- Give physicians a better understanding of patient outcomes and treatment options
- Help patients find clinical trials that reflect the details of their diagnosis
- Develop a molecular database that can serve as a resource for future research

Just last week, Dr. Frederick Locke, Moffitt's co-lead investigator of the ZUMA-1 clinical trial, learned of the Food and Drug Administration approval for this CAR T-cell immunotherapy. CAR T-cell therapy is a highly personalized therapeutic approach used to genetically modify a patient's T-cells to re-target against cancer cells. In the clinical trial which has been offered to Moffitt patients, 54 percent of patients saw their lymphoma disappear and after the one-time infusion 44 percent are still in remission 6 months later and beyond. Patients who do not respond to chemotherapy and transplants now have a viable treatment option.

Please consider making a Chapter donation or donating the Silver Drill at one of your meetings to the Cancer Committee. The checks should be made payable to: "The Grand Chapter of Florida" please be sure the check is designated to the "Cancer Fund". Checks should be mailed to:

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Thank you for your time, consideration and donation to the very worthwhile project.

Lovingly and Fraternally,

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Sent with the Approval of the Worthy Grand Matron