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Joseph G. Cairo, Jr.
The Pat Cairo Family Foundation, Inc.
40 Parkwold Drive West
North valley Stream, New York 11580


Dear Joe and Family,

It was my pleasure to attend the 17th Annual Dinner Dance on 3/2/12. I am always impressed by the tremendous support from the community, neighbors and friends for this event, the Foundation and the causes it supports. Thank you for your continued generosity.

I am fortunate and honored to have been Pat's physician. She was an amazingly brave woman who fought her cancer with great strength and dignity. Her legacy lives on at Calvary and the impact that the research has had for those dealing with cancer. As I relayed at the dinner, the monies will be used to help launch a program in one of the most underserved areas in North Miami. With medical students, nursing students, social work students and law students, working "hand and glove" with an experienced medical team, we hope to impact the unacceptably high percentage of women presenting with advanced breast cancer. We are fortunate to have Senator Mark Rubio's wife working with us in this program. Our goal is to not only increase awareness through a culturally sensitive program but also to identify barriers to their care. Additionally, we hope to understand if there are biologic differences in the breast cancer in this underserved diverse population. By understanding the cultural and biological issues, we may be able to develop more effective treatment strategies, screening and prevention.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



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