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# M.O.O.S.E. News

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**Our Mission: The Pamela Caglianone Foundation is a not for profit Florida corporation, dedicated to provide emotional support and financial assistance for children and families affected by cancer.**

## About the Founder — Pam's Story

On July 29, 2005, I was diagnosed with Burkitts Lymphoma, a rare form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL). I had just turned 39. I started chemotherapy treatments on August 5, 2005, after a mishap in the hospital, where they punctured my lung. The treatments were administered in the hospital, where I endured 36-54 hours of chemo each round.

My blood counts began to dip rather quickly, and I was quarantined in the hospital, as well as at home, under the watchful care of my husband, Derrick.

Soon after, I started to need blood and platelet transfusions. In September, there was a Blood Drive at my family's restaurant, Southport Raw Bar. My new motto became "Be Positive" since that is my blood type. There was a good turnout, where my family and friends not only helped me, but also saved the lives of others by donating their blood.

In October, I went to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas and found out that the tumor was gone. My doctors decided that I would only have six chemo treatments instead of eight, like originally planned.

My last treatment was in December 2005, and for Christmas, my husband, Derrick started this foundation. The intention is so that I can help other people dealing with cancer. I was always talking to people in the hospital and always had a positive attitude. I believe that my diagnosis happened for a reason, and this is the reason.

In August 2007, I had my port removed, and I am now considered a survivor.

Pam on Christmas Day 2005





SHOP FOR A CAUSE  
Saturday, October 13th, 2007  
At Macy's Nationwide

Purchase your shopping pass for \$5.00 and  
receive 20% off almost everything you buy. Even clearance items.  
The \$5.00 goes toward The Pamela Caglianone Foundation.  
Call Pam for tickets at 954-520-9265

September is  
Leukemia, Lymphoma &  
Myeloma Awareness Month



[www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)

THINK PINK  
OCTOBER IS  
BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH



[www.bcrf.org](http://www.bcrf.org)

[www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org)

Come Join Us, Sunday, October 7th at  
**Southport Raw Bar's**  
35th Anniversary Party & Charity Event

all proceeds benefit

**The Pamela Caglianone Foundation**

1:00pm until 11:00pm

Great food & fun for the whole family

For info call 954-525-2526 or 954-520-9265



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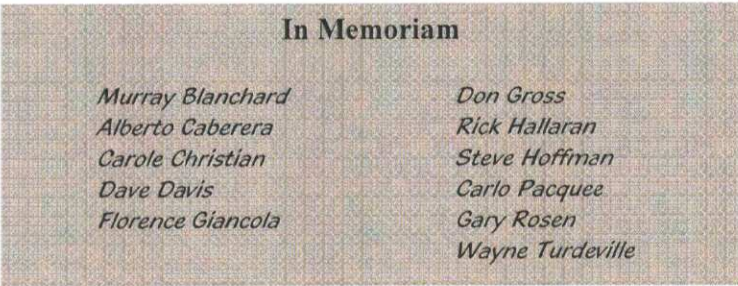
## MEET SOME OF OUR RECIPIENTS

**Navada** is 23 years old and engaged to be married next year. She and her family are from Georgetown, Guyana. She is suffering from Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML). When she came to Miami in June 2007, her white blood cell count was 122,000\* She has undergone several rounds of chemotherapy and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Her doctors here have recommended her to MD Anderson, in Houston. Navada's family does not have health insurance and have already incurred medical bills of over \$300,000. All of the proceeds from the event at Southport Raw Bar will be directed for Navada's cause.

**Tonia** has been an RN for 22 years. Nothing could prepare her for the news of her own 9 year old daughter, **Maggie's**, diagnosis with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL). Maggie was suffering from a fever and weakness, when she was admitted to the ER her white blood cell count was 440,000\*. She was immediately air lifted to Miami Children's Hospital and is currently being treated with chemotherapy. Maggie has since developed high blood sugar as a result of the steroids that she is taking. Maggie and her two brothers live with their mother, Tonia, in Boynton Beach. Her treatments will be several months, and Tonia will have to take time off from work to spend with Maggie at the hospital. Through Tonia's job, Maggie has health insurance and the medical bills will be covered, but this family is in need of assistance with household bills.

\*a normal white blood cell count is between 5,000—10,000

If you would like to make a donation for either of these recipients, please contact us and we will direct your donation to their behalf. 954-520-9265 or [info@pamelacaglianonefoundation.org](mailto:info@pamelacaglianonefoundation.org)  
 Many Thanks, Pam



### In Memoriam

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|                          | <i>Wayne Turdeville</i> |

Donations made in memory of a loved one will be posed in the newsletter and on the website.



### **RESOURCE INFORMATION**

American Cancer Society — www.cancer.org 1-800-ACS-2345  
 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society — www.lls.org 1-800-955-4572  
 Lance Armstrong Foundation — www.livestrong.org 1-866-467-7205  
 Susan G. Komen Foundation — www.komen.org 1-800-IM-AWARE  
 MD Anderson Cancer Center — www.mdanderson.org  
 St Jude Children's Research Hospital — www.stjude.org

### **DID YOU KNOW ?**

The majority of personal bankruptcies in the United States come from medical expenses.

Researchers estimate cancer will claim more than 500,000 American lives this year, and some 1.45 million new cases will be diagnosed. Newsweek, April 9, 2007

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fashion show  wine tasting  dinner/dance  poker tournament  go carting  motorcycles

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