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Dear Rob,

We are deeply grateful for the incredible support that we've received through Swim Across America over the past 5 years as one of the beneficiaries of the Nantucket Swim. Thanks to this funding, we've developed our Cancer Survivorship Support Program and have provided symptom control, counseling, education, and support to over four hundred patients and families facing any stage of cancer. Our services are available, free of charge, from the time of diagnosis through and beyond cure, if cure is possible, and through advancing illness, death and bereavement if their disease is not curable.

Additionally, because of this funding, we've been able to participate in several world re-known educational conferences and bring back to our small island community cutting edge services in the field of palliative and supportive care, services only now being developed in many medical centers. In this way, we've been able to make available to patients in Nantucket a range of services which have recently been mandated by standards of the American College of Surgeons for comprehensive cancer centers, as it is recognized that patients facing cancer need not only excellent disease modifying treatment, but also intensive symptom control and psychosocial and spiritual support in order to regain and maintain a high quality of life.

We're excited and honored to continue to be recognized as a program of value to our community by Swim Across America.

Thank you so much for your outstanding support.

Sincerely,

Charlene Thurston, ANP
Program Director