

March 2, 2017

Swim Across America  
11600 N. Community House Road  
Charlotte, NC 28277

Dear Rob,

We have been the exclusive beneficiary of Swim Across America—Tampa since inception. We apply our SAA grant to maximize the impact on research and community.

Two thirds of each annual grant supports bench cancer research and clinical trials, specifically our efforts to understand why some patients respond to melanoma immunotherapy treatments. Our most recent success is the awarding a coveted \$3M NIH grant that we received because our SAA grant allowed for additional clinical trials and improved data gathering.

One third of the SAA annual grant supported the establishment and operations of the Adolescent & Youth Adult program at Moffitt. Many children who overcome cancer tend to have difficulties later in life. AYA is truly a compassionate, progressive and revolutionary new program that lets us conduct patient research to better understand how the oncology community can better support children cancer survivors as they grow into adults. Our work, able to be conducted because of SAA grants, has been rewarded with over \$250,000 in new grants for the AYA program. We aspire to share what we've learned and have published over a dozen articles. The SAA grant also allows us to partially fund AYA social workers that conduct the research.

There isn't another fundraiser event in the Tampa community that supports these two programs the way Swim Across America does. We are appreciative of the partnership. And every year, our doctors step out of their comfort zones to swim in SAA—Tampa.

Sincerely,



Matt Kupec  
Executive Vice President – Foundation  
Chief Philanthropy Officer

P.S. Rob,  
We truly appreciate  
your invaluable support. It is  
making a huge difference!  
Matt