

CITY OF CLEARWATER



May 21, 2016

Mr. Robert Shapiro
Swim Across America
P.O. Box 65
Lutz, FL 33548

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Congratulations and thanks to the participants of the 5th annual Swim Across America – Tampa Bay held on Clearwater Beach, recently rated as the nation's #1 beach.

The success of previous Tampa Bay area Swim Across America events has demonstrated that the local passion in the fight against cancer is genuine. In just four years this swim event has raised \$614,000 for Moffitt Cancer Center, and the City of Clearwater is pleased to be the host city again this year.

The funds from past Swim Across America—Tampa Bay, as this year's monies, help researchers and doctors at the Moffitt Cancer Center who are working on cutting edge cancer therapies. The building of a lounge dedicated for use by adolescents and young adults with cancer has also benefitted from your efforts, and you are to be commended for your efforts in support of this age group.

On behalf of the entire City of Clearwater and my colleagues on the City Council, I welcome you and thank you not only for your participation and support, but also for your "making waves to fight cancer" in the Tampa Bay area and across America. Florida has the second highest incidence of melanoma cancer in the United States, and your efforts will help us overcome this and many other cancers.

With best wishes and warm, personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

George N. Cretekos
Mayor