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## **THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY TAKES OVER MIRIAM FOUNDATION CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN 1954**

(ST. LOUIS, MO) –The Miriam Foundation has transferred their Cancer Services Program to the Wellness Community of St. Louis. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Miriam Foundation’s Cancer Services program moved to the Wellness Community and will be re-named The Wellness Community’s Staenberg Family Foundation Cancer Services. The program, supported by a generous grant from the Staenberg Family Foundation, is designed to improve the quality of life for cancer patients by helping patients financially obtain medically related items, such as wigs, prosthetic devices, nutritional supplements, and other items not covered by insurance. “We are honored that the Miriam Foundation has chosen to pass the torch of their Cancer Services program to The Wellness Community,” says Laura Rossmann, Executive Director of The Wellness Community. “The Miriam Foundation’s 50 year old vision of helping uninsured or underinsured cancer patients who cannot afford to pay for items that contribute to their care is just as important in today’s environment. And, this program fits so well with The Wellness Community’s mission of helping those affected by cancer through support, education, and hope.”

Cancer treatment is financially devastating and this program helps to alleviate the financial burden on people affected by cancer. The Wellness Community’s Staenberg Family Foundation Cancer Services program begins with a written referral of a healthcare provider and is followed by The Wellness Community placing an order for the requested items which are then sent directly to the cancer patient. Like all programs and services at The Wellness Community, the Staenberg Family Foundation Cancer Services program is free-of-charge to cancer patients and relies exclusively on financial contributions from donors.

Healthcare providers can contact The Wellness Community at 314-238-2000 to obtain referral forms for the Staenberg Family Foundation Cancer Services program.

### **ABOUT THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS**

The Wellness Community of Greater St. Louis provides financial and emotional support, education, and hope to people with cancer and their loved ones and is part of a national non-profit organization. Through participation in professionally led support groups, educational workshops and mind/body classes, people affected by cancer learn vital skills that enable them to regain control, reduce isolation and restore hope regardless of their stage of disease. Most importantly, The Wellness Community provides a home-like setting for people fighting cancer to connect with and learn from each other. At The Wellness Community, all programs are free of charge. For additional information, visit The Wellness Community of Greater St. Louis website:

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

**ABOUT THE MIRIAM FOUNDATION**

The Miriam Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life for children with learning disabilities and their families through innovative and comprehensive programs. The Foundation operates the Miriam School, a private, independent elementary school serving students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 with multiple learning disabilities, attention deficits, speech and language delays, fine and gross motor delays, and autism spectrum disorder. It also operates Miriam Learning Center which provides comprehensive support services for families with children who have learning disabilities. For additional information, visit the Miriam Foundation Web site: [www.miriamfoundation.org](http://www.miriamfoundation.org)

**ABOUT THE STAENBERG FAMILY FOUNDATION**

Michael Staenberg, president of THF Realty, and his wife, Carol, have donated \$5 million in assets to create the Staenberg Family Foundation. The non-profit, philanthropic organization will assist more than 50 organizations initially - most of them related to helping underprivileged children or benefiting education and the arts.

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