



As a supporter of For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation, you are a source of comfort and hope to hundreds of people that take a break from cancer each year. I, and the rest of my team, are so grateful for your generosity and compassion.

Today, I write to share pressing news with you. Based on a 6 month trend analysis of our nominations, we are anticipating unprecedented program growth. We have been tracking this trend carefully, since we noticed an increase in April 2018.

We are receiving an average of 25 nominations from hospital based oncology professionals each month. If we continue to receive nominations at this rate, FPS could expect to receive 300 nominations for the 18-19 year (which ends on June 30th). Most of these families will travel, and those who do not will be gifted items that allow them to "take a break at home".

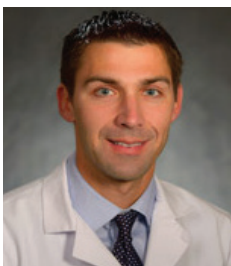
We have the potential to serve almost double the amount of families who traveled with FPS last year.

We are launching a hopeful fundraising campaign to help us ensure we can serve all the families welcomed into the FPS community this year. As a caregiver myself, I remember the feelings of helplessness and anxiety that accompanied my late husband's cancer diagnosis. I believe we can rise to this challenge, and with your help, we can respond to this increased need for our unique program!

Please help us continue to be a resource of psychosocial, emotional and spiritual support to adult cancer patients, their caregivers and their children. Support our Annual Fund with a donation of any amount today. The overall direct program costs of this increase is \$1.25 Million, which represents an additional \$500,000 over what was originally budgeted. We are poised to manage this increase due to our investment in technology upgrades as well as trained and talented personnel. Thank you for your support, and please reach out to me at 215-416-7489 if you have any questions!

With Gratitude,

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"My patients and their families often experience the anxiety, fear, and uncertainty that come with cancer treatment. When I tell them about FPS and its mission, I can see how this can impact their outlook.

The many benefits of time away – increased hope, strengthened family bonds, and an ability to better cope as a family – allow my patients to return home ready to face the next chapter. A new resilience encourages them to continue treatment and focus on the positive, not dwell on the negative. And the FPS support after the respite experience reinforces this despite a daunting, unpredictable future.

So many of my patients need a break from cancer to reconnect and rejuvenate, and FPS is a unique resource for this opportunity. I am proud to be a part of the FPS community as a member of its Patient Advisory Committee, to nominate families to this program and to continue enriching the lives of my patients with the respite experience. I'm grateful for the opportunities that FPS has provided to patients throughout our community."

— read a testimony from one of Dr. Kosteva's patients on the back of this letter

Dr. Kosteva nominated Doug Henning for a respite vacation with FPS after he was diagnosed with colon cancer. Doug had to endure multiple surgeries, chemo and radiation, but he always remained optimistic and pleasant. The Henning family experienced pure joy on their respite vacation to the FPS respite vacation home in Florida in 2015.



"The smiles on our boy's faces are a real treasure. This trip served as a huge motivation for me while I battled cancer and multiple surgeries. Having gone on the trip it was everything I hoped it would be, I was well enough and healed enough (from surgery) to enjoy everything. The time I spent with my family was filled with fun, adventure, laughter and memories!"

- Doug Henning



The support of the FPS community does not end on the last day of vacation. Instead, it's just the beginning! FPS has organically grown to provide psychosocial and emotional support for the patient, the caregiver and the children thrown into the cancer journey. Our support continues beyond the respite and includes a monthly patient-centric newsletter, monthly complimentary engagement events for families in our program and invitations to FPS Signature Events and other entertainment opportunities.

3 years later, The Henning family continues to stay involved with our community, and we find so much inspiration in their strength. We look forward to witnessing more memories created by such a loving family.



Doug with friends at the FPS Beach Ball Gala.



Doug and his wife, Kandece, make memories at the Buttoned-Up BBQ.



The Henning Boys have fun at our annual Traveler Reception.

"Dr. Kosteva helped save my life and For Pete's Sake helped change my life.

I am thankful that our family was welcomed into the FPS family with open arms, and we've had so many opportunities to take a break and make memories together. The Beach Ball Gala is a favorite event of ours, as our friends love to attend and celebrate with us! Three years later, we continue to feel supported by the FPS community and the lasting impact it made on our emotional and family health"