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## POLO FOR LIFE DONATION TO AID PEDIATRIC CANCER FAMILIES AT JOE DIMAGGIO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

May 30, 2022 – Polo for Life, a Wellington-based nonprofit that supports families and organizations battling pediatric cancer, donated \$100,000 to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation. The money will go to families of oncology patients requiring financial assistance during their child's treatment.



Dawn Quaranta, Barbara Bell Cook, Brandon Phillips, PJ Rizvi, Don Eachus

"When a child is diagnosed with cancer, it's a life-changing event for the family, and not just in the medical sense," said **Don Eachus**, director of development at <u>Joe DiMaggio Children's</u> <u>Hospital Foundation</u>. "At least one parent becomes a full-time caregiver, and that loss of income means that there may not enough money to pay mortgages or rent, electric, or phone bills. That's where our assistance fund comes in to, at least temporarily, cover those costs."

Polo for Life Founder and President **Brandon Phillips** and Board Member **PJ Rizvi** both have firsthand experience with pediatric cancer, with Phillips diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at the age of 14 and Rizvi losing a sister to the disease. The two were joined by Polo for Life Executive Director **Barbara Bell Cook** for the check presentation event at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Health Specialty Center in Wellington.

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is one of the nation's leading pediatric hospitals, offering a comprehensive scope of healthcare services and programs in a caring, compassionate setting designed specifically for children. A level one trauma center, it combines advanced technology, the expertise of board-certified specialists, and a patient and family-centered approach to heal the body, mind, and spirit of those it touches.

The hospital's nonprofit <u>foundation</u> focuses on philanthropy to positively impact patients, families, and underwrite programs, facilities, and equipment that support the facility's mission.

To learn more about Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, visit jdch.com and connect with @jdchospital on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

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