



Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation Hosted Annual Fundraising Gala Shabby Chic Shades of Pink

Tampa, FL – October 22nd, 2018... The Florida Cancer Specialists (FCS) Foundation is proud to announce another successful annual “Shabby Chic Shades of Pink” event hosted by honorary chairs FCS physicians, [Dr. Hafeez Chatoor](#) and [Dr. Michael Scott](#). The event was held on October 6, 2018 at Armature Works and raised nearly \$200,000 net to help adult cancer patients with their necessary living expenses.

The first “Shades of Pink” was held in 2014 due to a wedding venue cancellation. When Barbara Long’s wedding was cancelled, she was faced with a dilemma. She had already paid a deposit for the reception and it was nonrefundable. After learning about the FCS Foundation, Barbara chose to donate the deposit she had paid to the venue and chair a fundraising event to benefit the FCS Foundation; thus, “Shades of Pink” was born!

All proceeds will benefit the FCS Foundation, which provides financial assistance for non-medical living expenses to qualified cancer patients who are currently undergoing treatment in Florida. The FCS Foundation’s overhead is paid by the [Florida Cancer Specialists’](#) physician partners, so 100% of donations benefit cancer patients in need.

Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation Board Co-Chair and Physician [Dr. Michael Diaz](#) said, “The 2018 Shabby Chic Shades of Pink Gala could not have been a success without the continued support from the local community and our sponsors. The FCS Foundation Board hopes to continue raising funds and awareness of the Foundation’s mission, which is to assist cancer patients with essential non-medical living expenses.”

FCS Physicians and Honorary Chairs [Dr. Hafeez Chatoor](#) and [Dr. Michael Scott](#) added, “We are honored to be the chairs of the 2018 Shabby Chic Shades of Pink Gala that makes a difference in the lives of patients and their families affected by cancer. As oncologists, we see the impact cancer has on patients and their families.”

[Foundation Executive Director Lynn Rasys](#) said, “This Gala has been a favorite for our supporters in the greater Tampa Bay area and the “Shabby Chic” theme was a hit for everyone in attendance. The FCS Foundation is already working on the theme for 2019 and look forward to announcing early next year.”

View photos from the 2018 Shabby Chic Shades of Pink event | <https://www.flickr.com/photos/flcancerspecialists/albums/72157700708434281>

To learn more about sponsoring the Shades of Pink Gala in 2019, please contact Lynn Rasys at LRasys@FLCancer.com or 941.677.7184.

The Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization as designated by the IRS. The Foundation’s EIN number is 20-4616813. The Foundation is also registered in the State of Florida, Registration No. CH24320. A copy of the official State registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling 800-435-7352 within the State of Florida. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the States.

About Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation:

The Florida Cancer Specialists (FCS) Foundation provides financial support to qualified cancer patients in the state of Florida for expenses such as rent or mortgage, car payments and utility bills. By giving patients peace of mind in knowing that their bills are being paid while they are undergoing treatment, the FCS Foundation allows them to concentrate on what really matters – fighting cancer.

Due to the generosity of the Florida Cancer Specialists partner physicians in covering all overhead expenses for the Foundation, 100% of donations received go directly towards paying the essential non-medical living expenses of an adult battling cancer.

The Foundation is a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization and located at 5204 Paylor Lane in Sarasota, Florida. Learn more about the FCS Foundation at: Foundation.FLCancer.com or call 941.677.7181.

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