



**Richard Spayde (Co-Founder/President):** Richard Spayde has lived in the Tampa Bay area for twenty five years and resides in Tierra Verde with his wife Debbie and his two daughters Holly (13), and Lilly (9). Richard is a graduate of the Florida State University where he earned a B.S. in Hotel & Restaurant Administration.

After several years in management with Marriott Corporation, Richard began his 20+ year career in finance and asset management. He has worked with a number of financial institutions including Merrill Lynch and UBS/PaineWebber, and is currently a Vice President - Investment Officer with Wells Fargo Advisors in St Petersburg.

Richard is a survivor of leukemia (AML) and endured two bone marrow transplants at Moffitt Cancer Center within 40 days of each other in 2005. His only brother, David, was his donor for both transplants. Richard is in permanent remission and credits Dr. Ernesto Ayala M.D. and Denise LaFave R.N., his primary bone marrow transplant team, and the entire staff of Moffitt for his world class treatment and care.

Richard is involved with several organizations including the United Methodist Church, where he is a commissioned Stephen Minister. He is the co-founder and president of the Cure on Wheels Foundation, which raises much needed funds for cancer research and patient services through organized cycling rides and events. Richard serves on the Board of Trustees of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society where he chairs the Advocacy Committee and is a member of their National Board of Representatives. In addition, he is very active with the Moffitt Cancer Center and sits on their Patient Advisory Board, the steering committee of Pinellas Partners, and works closely with the Moffitt Foundation. Richard is especially proud of his service as a reviewer for the Department of Defense and their Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP).

Richard is very thankful to all the people who provided support to himself and his family while undergoing treatment, and hopes to use his experience as a cancer survivor to provide enhanced care for current and future patients.