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UF Health Proton Therapy Institute names child life fellow

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (May 22, 2017) — The [UF Health Proton Therapy Institute](#) has named Micalene Schwartz the first child life fellow as part of the newly launched Go4TheGoal Foundation Child Life Clinical Fellowship. The Institute's child life fellowship program is funded by a grant from the [Go4TheGoal Foundation](#)® and will employ two child life fellows, each fellowship lasting 12 months over a two-year period.

As part of her fellowship, Schwartz will assist the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute's child life specialist in daily activities, including working one-on-one with pediatric patients throughout treatment to promote effective coping through medical play, preparation and education. Schwartz will also aid communication with families of pediatric patients; advocate for the role of the child life specialist, the patient and the family; and assist in research to further the advancement of the child life profession.

Schwartz is a recent graduate of Georgia Southern University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in child and family development. While attending school, she completed a child life practicum at the Macon Children's Hospital, Navicent Health.

Her professional experience includes a child life internship at UF Health Jacksonville and volunteer work with well children, hospitalized children, and children with disabilities.

"Over the past several years, the number of pediatric patients treated at UF Health Proton Therapy Institute has increased significantly," said Kim Todd, Child Life Specialist at the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute. "Micalene will be an invaluable part of ensuring that our pediatric patients continue to receive excellent care."

About UF Health Proton Therapy Institute

UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization affiliated with the UF College of Medicine and the UF Health Cancer Center, a Florida Cancer Center of Excellence, dedicated to delivering state-of-the-art cancer treatment and setting new standards for treating and curing cancer. It is an accredited radiation oncology facility by the American College of Radiology. The cancer treatment facility houses both conventional radiation and proton therapy, and delivers proton therapy to 100 patients a day. For more information about the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute, please visit www.floridaproton.org, or call toll-free 877-426-9790.

About Go4TheGoal Foundation

Go4theGoal Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2006 by Dr. Richard and Beth Stefanacci, soon after their oldest child was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. In 2011 Go4theGoal launched 2 national campaigns, National Pediatric Cancer Awareness Day and Lace Up 4 Pediatric Cancer®. These campaigns give schools, businesses, and sports teams an opportunity to raise awareness and much needed support for kids battling cancer. Go4theGoal provides children undergoing cancer treatment and their families with financial assistance, funds hospital-based programs and environment improvements, grants special wishes, and has funded over \$1,000,000.00 in research since 2007. For the past 5 consecutive years Go4theGoal has earned the honor of "Top Rated Non-Profit" by Great Nonprofits. Go4theGoal.org

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