

Tamra Travers

## There is More

The hope of healing is but a distant dream and yet her ever constant prayer. Symptoms, side effects, and altered functional capacity now creep in and take charge of her days. However—in the presence of these lifestyle changes—resiliency, strength, and hope reign the most powerful of all. Healing may not be everything.

■ **Tamra Travers** is a second year medical student at Florida State University.

Bruce Berg, MD

## Night Call on M3 Pediatrics

Rattling metallic bars released my fugue state to see a four-year-old-child standing in a fully caged crib. “Mister, mister . . . can I have some juice?” He was all alone in an indigent hospital asking for help, but too young and too sick to be so strong and fearless. I should be so courageous.

■ **Dr. Berg** is a pulmonary and critical care physician who moved from full time practice to becoming a hospital Chief Medical Information Officer, then the Patient Safety Officer, and now he is the Dean of the Sarasota Campus of the Florida State University College of Medicine.

Miranda C. Mack, MS

## Laryngeal Carcinoma

Voice silenced by tracheostomy tube.

Frail 90-year-old hand scribbles on a pad: “Pull me as high as you can.” I comply, then as trained I ask, “Is there anything else?”

His eyes grow soft as his hand grasps onto mine— tightly.

I realize that the only other thing he needs in this moment is . . . Me.

■ **Miranda** is a third year medical student at Florida State University. Her ‘55 Words’ were inspired by a patient she met on her Community Medicine rotation at Covenant Hospice, Pensacola, Florida.

Michael Swor, MD

## The Optimal Healer

It’s the power of the universe that heals our wounds. The infinite web of energy controls our psychological, emotional and physical states. The optimal healer focuses these energies with a combination of treatments such as medication, therapy, surgery, and the all-important human connection. The optimal healer uses the potency of empathy, understanding, and simply knowing his or her patients.

■ **Dr. Swor** is an Assistant Clinical Professor at The Florida State University College of Medicine.



### White Floral

Laura Varich

■ **Laura Varich** is the medical director of pediatric radiology at the Florida Hospital for Children. Her interest in the visual extends well beyond the black and white of medical imaging. She enjoys using the bold application of color to create works of landscape and figurative abstraction.



### Love

Denise Clark

■ **Denise Clark** is the Associate Medical Director of the VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, Central Florida Program.