

## **Carrabba's Italian Grill Gives Pasta a Purpose by Raising Funds for Cancer Research**

*\$1 Donated to Moffitt Cancer Center for Each Order of Pasta Georgio*

**TAMPA, Fla. (September 20, 2018)** – Carrabba's Italian Grill is supporting the fight against cancer with Pasta Georgio – a new addition to the popular restaurant's menu of fresh and handmade dishes inspired by the many tastes of Italy. \$1 from every order of Pasta Georgio at participating Carrabba's Italian Grill locations will be donated to Moffitt Cancer Center, up to \$50,000, through December 31.

Pasta Georgio features penne pasta with sautéed bell peppers and romano, tossed in roasted red pepper sauce, then topped and baked with meatballs and mozzarella. The new dish is named in memory of George Minutaglio, the restaurant's Vice President of Operations who passed away earlier this year from pancreatic cancer.

"It has long been a tradition of Carrabba's to name dishes after beloved friends, family members or places, and we're honored and humbled to carry this tradition on today with the launch of Pasta Georgio." said Mike Kappitt, President of Carrabba's Italian Grill. "George was an inspiration to many, and we created this new dish not only to recognize him but to also honor all families that are affected by cancer."

Carrabba's Italian Grill is widely known for its community support and will be a top sponsor of the annual [Miles for Moffitt event](#) in Tampa, Florida on December 8, 2018.

"We are grateful to the team at Carrabba's Italian Grill for supporting our research to find a cure for cancer by honoring their friend and colleague in such a special way," said B. Lee Green, PhD, President of the Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation. "Our thanks to all the restaurant guests who are helping us advance one step further in fighting this disease, every time they enjoy an order of Pasta Georgio."

Carrabba's Italian Grill has also partnered with Florida International University to create [The George Minutaglio Carrabba's Italian Grill First Generation Scholarship](#) to be awarded to students who are the first from their family to attend college.

For more information on Pasta Georgio, please visit [www.carrabbas.com/georgio](http://www.carrabbas.com/georgio).

### **About Carrabba's Italian Grill®**

Offering authentic Italian cuisine passed down from our founders' family recipes, Carrabba's uses only the best ingredients to prepare fresh and handmade dishes cooked to order in a lively exhibition kitchen. Featuring a wood-burning grill inspired by the many tastes of Italy, guests can enjoy signature dishes, including Chicken Bryan, Pollo Rosa Maria, Wood-Fire Grilled Steak and chops, small plates and classic Italian Pasta dishes in a welcoming, contemporary atmosphere. Carrabba's consistently ranks as a favorite in the Consumer Picks Survey by Nation's Restaurant News. Earn up to 50% off every fourth visit by joining Dine Rewards™ at [www.dinerewards.com](http://www.dinerewards.com).

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**About Moffitt Cancer Center**

Moffitt Cancer Center is dedicated to one lifesaving mission: to contribute to the prevention and cure of cancer. The Tampa-based facility is one of only 49 National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers, a distinction that recognizes Moffitt's scientific excellence, multidisciplinary research, and robust training and education. Moffitt is a Top 10 cancer hospital and has been nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report since 1999. Moffitt devotes more than 2 million square feet to research and patient care. Moffitt's expert nursing staff is recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with Magnet<sup>®</sup> status, its highest distinction. With more than 6,000 team members, Moffitt has an economic impact in the state of \$2.1 billion. For more information, call 1-888-MOFFITT (1-888-663-3488), visit [MOFFITT.org](http://MOFFITT.org), and follow the momentum on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.