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An Angel in Our Midst



Dr. Pamela Sutton greets cancer patient Merlin Shaw at Broward Health Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale. Pamela grew up wanting to be like Albert Schweitzer, dispensing comfort in the far corners of the world. Under her leadership, Broward Health has become ground zero in South Florida for palliative care, the management of pain for those fighting serious illnesses. Dr. Sutton, known to the Chapel simply as "Pam," started palliative care at Broward Health after working for the World Health Organization in countries where medications were lacking. "If you could get some morphine, it was actually possible to have a life," she said. Dr. Sutton, who called untreated cancer pain "a global scandal," traveled in December to Pakistan, where cancer ward patients undergo treatments without access to morphine. She trained close to 100 doctors and nurses, whose goal is to build Pakistan's first palliative care hospital for end-stage cancer patients. Click on the link below to read this fascinating piece in [The Miami Herald](#) on our dear, sweet, and quite accomplished "Pam."



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