

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



Sandra Jones,
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Dr. James Gajewski and Greta Hartman, from the Center for Hematological Malignancies, submitted the following nomination...

We had a patient from Thailand who desperately needed a bone marrow transplant. Her brother, who lives in Thailand, was found to be a match for the patient. We immediately sent a letter to the embassy, but found due to the riots the Embassy was temporarily closed. Eventually he was granted an interview but his request for a visa was denied. Sandra took the lead in contacting a variety of organizations that we thought might be able to help with this. As different options failed, Sandra constantly pushed forward looking for one window of opportunity to open. With her tenacity she found one. A person in Senator Wyden's office, who was very proactive, worked closely on this project with Sandra. Because of Sandra's persistence and the help of Senator Wyden's office, the patient's brother was able to obtain a visa and will be coming to the United States to donate stem cells for his sibling's transplant.

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