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**New Animal Care Center To Join In Neighborhood Revitalization**

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In a few short months there will be a new concept in animal care moving into Middle River Terrace. Animal Cancer Care Clinic, a hospital dedicated exclusively to caring for pets with cancer, is building a very unique wellness center at the old Kitchens to Go site in the 1100 block of NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Dr. Stephanie Correa, a veterinarian who is board certified in oncology, is a local doctor who currently operates her animal cancer specialty practice out of four locations including South Miami, North Miami, Deerfield Beach and West Palm Beach. She was looking for a central location to build a comprehensive cancer care center, and having grown up in Fort Lauderdale, she looked with interest at the entire Fort Lauderdale revitalization district as a great place to not only care for cancer patients and their families, but also to be a part of a vibrant and growing neighborhood community. After looking at almost every available parcel of land in the area, she was thrilled to finally find the site on NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and instantly knew she had found the perfect spot to build her new clinic.

The 7500 square foot building will be a place for healing, for both pets with cancer and their families. Like humans who undergo cancer treatment, Animal Cancer Care Clinic will provide all types of therapies and services including chemotherapy, surgery, radiation therapy, nutritional support, acupuncture and bereavement counseling.

Dr. Correa and her husband Tony, who serves as the Director of Finance and Operations for the clinic, are both south Florida natives and feel strongly that local resources needed to be utilized throughout the entire building process. They engaged long-time local architect Gus Carbonell to help guide them through the maze of regulations, permitting and construction.

"Gus's knowledge of the area has been a tremendous asset to our project", states Tony. And Gus, likewise, has really been enjoying the work. "It is a very attractive building and will be an asset to the corridor as well as provide services that are very compatible with the CB zoning and residential neighborhood" says Carbonell.

And in keeping with being a good neighbor, the Correas have given special thought to creating an environment that preserves Florida's precious resources. "With the new practice, we get to take it to the next level as we positively impact others' lives: clients, patients, employees and neighbors. The concept aligns very well with our animal care mission, which focuses our energy on the well-being of our patients", says Tony. These concepts include a paperless environment with all records being maintained electronically, non-toxic materials used in both the interior and exterior of the building, a strong recycling program as supported by hospital policies, and native vegetation placed strategically outside the building to take advantage of shade and water conservation.



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Dr. Stephanie and Tony expect to have the hospital operational by June 2009 and are looking forward to introducing their clients to Animal Cancer Care Clinic's new home and the Middle River Terrace neighborhood. We'll keep you posted on our progress and look forward to becoming part of the community.

For further information on Animal Cancer Care Clinic and Wellness Center, feel free to visit our website at [www.animalcancercareclinic.com](http://www.animalcancercareclinic.com).