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NJ Has The Most Cutting Edge, Modern, Effective Cancer Care In The World

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Governor Christie: NJ Has The Most Cutting Edge, Effective Cancer Care In ...

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Transcript:

Governor Christie: Nearly 50,000 people will be diagnosed this year with cancer in New Jersey, and for each one of those people you need to add four or five or six family members who are affected by that diagnosis, countless friends and co-workers who are affected when that person who is special in their life walks in and tells them that they have been diagnosed with cancer. And from the minute that diagnosis occurs, everyone that I just mentioned, from the patient and their family, to their friends and their co-workers, is focused on just one thing: How are they going to get better? And for all of those folks, the idea now that anywhere you live in New Jersey you are going to have the opportunity to avail yourself of the most cutting edge, most modern, most effective cancer care known in the world has got to be a great relief from the stress and the tension that those people feel when they get that diagnosis that, at the beginning of my lifetime, was a certain death sentence, but now because of the innovation and the intellect and the resources that we're putting on the fight against cancer, is no longer a certain death sentence. And for many, many people, they are able to survive it. But last year, 16,000 people in New Jersey died of cancer, and for those folks, their family members and their friends and co-workers, the end of the journey did not end in the way that they wanted it to. And so we need to continue to work to try to make sure that we provide the resources, the know-how, the treatments for those folks to bring that number down every year. I suspect there is no one who is in this audience today who has not been touched personally by this disease, and so you understand the stress, the tension I am talking about. You understand the fear and you understand that all you want is someone on the other side of that diagnosis who can help

direct you to and provide you with the most aggressive, effective care that they can for that person in your life who is affected by this diagnosis.

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