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CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY PARTNERS WITH GREENVILLE HOSPITAL SYSTEM

CSC announces pioneer partnership to offer services at Greenville Hospital System

GREENVILLE, S.C. – Cancer Support Community (CSC) is pleased to announce a pioneering partnership with the Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center (GHS) as an integral part of the formation of the Center for Integrative Oncology and Survivorship at GHS. This collaboration will be the first to fully incorporate CSC programs and services into a hospital system.

In addition to the groundbreaking hospital partnership, CSC will implement its new distress screening tool, CancerSupportSource®, a program that delivers screening, referral and follow up care through a single, streamlined, web-based program, as part of the support programs and services available at GHS. By 2015, all centers accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer will be required to provide distress screening as a part of patient centered care. The work of GHS and CSC will serve as a model as other centers implement screening.

“CSC is proud to have been one of the organizations working closely with the Commission on Cancer to deliver their patient-centered standards and we are thrilled that GHS is bringing this focus to its community. Routine screening for distress and early intervention has demonstrated improved patient outcomes across many studies. We applaud GHS for providing this as an important part of complete cancer care for the residents of Greenville,” said Kim Thiboldeaux, President and CEO, Cancer Support Community.

In addition to distress screening, CSC’s programs and services include a personalized assessment and care plan, support groups (in-person and online), health and wellness programs and educational programs. All of these services are available to patients at no cost through the GHS Center for Integrative Oncology and Survivorship. Click [here](#) for more information about this partnership.

“Research shows that social and emotional support is as important as medical care in the face of a cancer diagnosis,” said Dr. Larry Gluck, medical director of GHS’ Cancer Center. “Cancer Support Community is a leader in psychosocial oncology, and we are pleased to integrate their evidence-based programs and services into our cancer care delivery model to ensure our patients get the best medical and psychosocial care available.”

About the Cancer Support Community

The mission of the Cancer Support Community (CSC) is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. In 2009, The Wellness Community and Gilda's Club joined forces to become CSC. The combined organization, with more than 50 years of collective experience, provides the highest quality social and emotional support for people impacted by cancer through a network of 56 licensed affiliates, more than 100 satellite locations and a vibrant online community, touching more than one million people each year.

For more information, visit www.CancerSupportCommunity.org.

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