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Mitch Golant Granted Position of Distinction at APOS

Cancer Support Community congratulates Senior Consultant of Strategic Initiatives Mitch Golant, PhD, for his selection as APOS Fellow

WASHINGTON – (July 31, 2015) – For his decades of service to the psychosocial and oncology communities, Mitch Golant, PhD, Senior Consultant of Strategic Initiatives at the Cancer Support Community (CSC), has been elected as a Fellow of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS).

Individuals elected into the lifelong fellowship are selected based on outstanding professional achievement in psychosocial oncology and demonstrated dedication to the Society. Dr. Golant is one of six individuals selected for the 2015 class of Fellows. APOS brings together psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, social workers, nurses and clergy who are working in the psychological, behavioral and social aspects of cancer to advance the science and practice of psychosocial care for people affected by this disease.

Dr. Golant has been with CSC for more than 30 years—since the organization’s humble beginnings as a little yellow house in Santa Monica, CA at what was then called The Wellness Community. During his time at the organization, Dr. Golant traveled the world to spread CSC’s Patient Empowerment Model to expand the organization’s reach from its first facility on the West Coast to 46 Affiliates and 120 satellite locations across the United States and around the world. He has facilitated more than 7,000 support groups for people with cancer and trained more than 450 professionals in CSC’s Patient Active Support Group model. Dr. Golant is widely recognized as a pioneer in the use of information technology in cancer education and support. Prior to his current role, Dr. Golant served as CSC’s Senior Vice President of Research and Training for 16 years. He has also co-authored seven books including *The Total Cancer Wellness Guide* (BenBella 2007) and *The Cancer Support Community Handbook: Reclaiming Your Life After Diagnosis* (BenBella 2012).

“We are so thrilled that we’ve had the opportunity to benefit from Dr. Golant’s revolutionary work for so many years. His contributions to the psychosocial community have changed the lives of millions of people affected by cancer and paved the way for the future of cancer care,” said Kim Thiboldeaux, CEO of the Cancer Support Community. “He is truly deserving of this prestigious honor.”

Dr. Golant will be inducted and honored at this year’s World Congress of Psycho-Oncology in Washington D.C. July 28 – August 1.

About the Cancer Support Community

As the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community (CSC) is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community. CSC achieves its mission through three areas: direct service delivery, research and advocacy. The organization includes an international network of Affiliates that offer the highest quality social and emotional support for people impacted by cancer, as well as a community of support available online and over the phone. The Research and Training Institute conducts cutting-edge psychosocial, behavioral and survivorship research. CSC furthers its focus on patient advocacy through its Cancer Policy Institute, informing public policy in Washington, D.C. and across the nation. For more information, please call the toll-free Cancer Support Helpline at 888-793-9355, or visit www.CancerSupportCommunity.org. *So that no one faces cancer alone*[®]

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