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CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY APPLAUDS WHITE HOUSE IN RELEASE OF CANCER MOONSHOT TASK FORCE REPORT

*Cancer Support Community continues commitment to Cancer Moonshot efforts,
will host Cancer Moonshot: One Year Later in 2017*

WASHINGTON – (Oct. 17, 2016) – The Cancer Support Community, an international nonprofit, was pleased to participate today in the White House’s release of the [Cancer Moonshot Task Force Report](#), which outlines a detailed set of findings and recommendations to achieve the goals established for the Cancer Moonshot initiative earlier this year.

Cancer Support Community CEO Kim Thiboldeaux also participated in a Q&A Twitter chat in the evening to answer questions on the initiative, along with Cancer Moonshot's Greg Simon, U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz, National Institutes of Health Director Francis Collins, Margaret Anderson of FasterCures, and Levi Garraway of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Through a [White House fact sheet](#) as well as a [report to the President](#) by Vice President Biden released today alongside the Cancer Moonshot Task Force Report, the Cancer Support Community’s [Frankly Speaking About Cancer Clinical Trials program](#) was recognized, and it was announced that the Cancer Support Community will host *Cancer Moonshot: One Year Later* in June 2017, in partnership with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Friends of Cancer Research, National Patient Advocate Foundation, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, and LIVESTRONG. The purpose of this event will be to ensure that the work of the Cancer Moonshot continues, bringing together patients, advocates, researchers, providers, government agencies, industry organizations, and policymakers to ensure accountability around the pledges that were made in 2016, to measure the progress that has been made, and to identify what additional actions need to be taken to make progress on the goals of the initiative.

“We are honored to help lead the charge of the Cancer Moonshot and are committed to working with all partners and stakeholders in achieving measurable progress toward our critical goals. We are pleased to be a part of today’s events and look forward to collaborating with all parties involved in putting the Cancer Moonshot into action,” said Kim Thiboldeaux, CEO of the Cancer Support Community.

Announced in early 2016, the goal of Vice President Biden’s Cancer Moonshot is to double the rate of progress in cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care over the next five years and to ultimately end cancer as we know it.

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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