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## **Cancer Support Community to Convene Cancer Moonshot Summits on June 29**

*Cancer Support Community invited to host community discussions in conjunction with Vice President Biden's Moonshot Summit to increase progress toward cancer cure*

WASHINGTON – (Jun. 28, 2016) – The Cancer Support Community, an international nonprofit, will lead summits in 30 locations across the country on June 29 in conjunction with Vice President Joe Biden's Cancer Moonshot Summit held in Washington, D.C.

In addition, Cancer Support Community Headquarters CEO Kim Thiboldeaux will be a guest speaker at the D.C. Cancer Moonshot Summit hosted by the White House at Howard University to share insights on the Cancer Support Community's work, and Dr. Lisa Richardson, Director of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, will attend the Moonshot Summit hosted by Cancer Support Community Atlanta with Northside Hospital Cancer Institute.

The Cancer Moonshot Summit will be the first time that individuals and organizations representing the entire cancer community and beyond – researchers, oncologists, care providers, philanthropists, data and tech experts, advocates, patients and survivors – will convene under the national charge to double the rate of progress toward a cure.

"The Moonshot cannot be achieved by one person, one organization, one discipline, or even one collective approach," Vice President Biden said. "Solving the complexities of cancer will require the formation of new alliances to defy the bounds of innovation and accelerate the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and – ultimately – a cure. It's going to require millions of Americans speaking up and contributing what they're able. That's what the Cancer Moonshot Summit is all about."

The summits at Cancer Support Community affiliates will include a livestream of Vice President Biden's remarks and a facilitated discussion about priorities specific to the local community. The livestream of the DC Moonshot Summit will be accessible at 9 am tomorrow at [www.whitehouse.gov/cancermoonshot](http://www.whitehouse.gov/cancermoonshot).

"We are thrilled that our patients and advocates around the country have been called to the table as we convene these important conversations about cancer research. Together we are united in the goal to create more positive outcomes for people impacted by cancer," said Kim Thiboldeaux, CEO of the Cancer Support Community.

The goal of the 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.

For more information on local Moonshot Summits hosted by the Cancer Support Community, please visit [www.CancerSupportCommunity.org/CancerMoonshot](http://www.CancerSupportCommunity.org/CancerMoonshot)

### **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](http://www.CancerSupportCommunity.org). *So that no one faces cancer alone*<sup>®</sup>

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