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**NORTHWEST CANCER SPECIALISTS SPONSORS  
7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOC EMPOWERMENT DAY**

**PORTLAND, Ore., July 5, 2011** – Northwest Cancer Specialists is the presenting sponsor of the 7th Annual Sherie Hildreth Ovarian Cancer Foundation (SHOC) Empowerment Day run and walk on Saturday, August 6th at Team Latus Motors-Harley Davidson in Gladstone, Ore. The opening ceremony begins at 7:30 am with 10K and 5K walks following at 8:00 am, and a one-mile family fun walk at 8:30 am along the Clackamas River. Entertainment and a pancake breakfast conclude the day's festivities.

Empowerment Day supports the SHOC Foundation's mission to provide funding for ovarian cancer research, education for women about early detection and support for those recovering from ovarian cancer.

Sherie Hildreth was an educator in the Gladstone School District for 30 years. In 2004, she was diagnosed with stage III ovarian cancer. After her diagnosis, the more Hildreth learned about this chronic disease, the more she was determined to make a difference in the lives of other women who have been diagnosed. The SHOC foundation's first established fundraiser in 2005 was called the Mrs. Hildreth's Empowerment Walk & Run, now called Empowerment Day.

Hildreth was a patient of Northwest Cancer Specialists Dr. Paul Tseng, gynecologic oncologist, and Dr. Nico de Wette, radiation oncologist. "Sherie was an extraordinarily positive person which goes a long way in handling the challenges of the disease. It was a wonderful thing for me to see and for other patients to see as well." Dr. Tseng commented on Hildreth's positive outlook.

Northwest Cancer Specialists plays a major role in the battle against ovarian cancer by providing easy access a full range of advanced cancer care services. Our medical and radiation oncologists and their clinical support staff provide chemotherapy, injections, infusion services, radiation therapy and diagnostic imaging services in a setting that allows patients to remain close to their homes and their support network of family and friends. As a result, patients access the best possible treatment with the least amount of disruption to their daily lives. For more information, please visit, [www.nwcancer.com](http://www.nwcancer.com).

Through our affiliation with US Oncology, one of the nation's foremost cancer treatment and research networks, allows us to enhance patient access to the latest advances in therapies, clinical research and technology to patients in our community. In fact, US Oncology is currently involved in approximately 90 research trials for breast, colorectal, lung, ovarian, pancreatic and prostate cancer therapies, and has contributed to the development of 42 cancer-fighting drugs approved by the FDA. For more information, visit [www.usoncology.com](http://www.usoncology.com).

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