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LOCAL CANCER CENTERS AND COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS UNITE TO SUPPORT NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY®

Adventist Health, Legacy Cancer Services, Meridian Park Radiation Oncology, Northwest Cancer Specialists, OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, Providence Cancer Center and Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Oregon and SW Washington join survivors in a celebration of life

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20, 2011 – Join us for the 24th annual national celebration of life for cancer survivors of all ages, their family members, friends, community support groups and healthcare providers. Refreshments and music will be provided along with creative and wellness activities for all ages including: Reiki, henna tattoos, art activities, and free gift basket and prize giveaways. Blaze the Portland Trailblazers mascot and Tom-A-Hawk the Portland Winterhawks mascot will make appearances. Special guest, Helen Raptis, KATU AM Northwest, will host the event. There is no cost to attend.

National Cancer Survivors Day® (NCSA) is an annual, worldwide celebration that is held in hundreds of communities throughout the United States, Canada, and other participating countries. Participants unite in a symbolic event to show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be meaningful and productive.

Major advances in cancer prevention, early detection and treatment have resulted in longer survival, and therefore, a growing number of cancer survivors. However, a cancer diagnosis can leave a host of concerns in its wake. In light of these difficulties, our community is focusing on improving the quality of life for cancer survivors.

“Surviving cancer is an attitude about life and living each day to the fullest,” says Selma Annala, NCSA coordinator for Legacy Cancer Services. “You will find our community’s NCSA event filled with joy, camaraderie, hope, compassion, faith and love as we honor cancer survivors who face each day with courage and dignity and serve as an inspiration to all of us.”

This year’s local National Cancer Survivors Day celebration of life will be held in our community at:

WHERE: The World Forestry Center’s Miller Hall, 4033 SW Canyon Rd in Portland, Ore.

WHEN: Sunday, June 5th from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Visit www.ncsd.org for more information about National Cancer Survivors Day.

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