

Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara announces selection of 2023 Oncology Heroes

~ Honorees to be recognized at Celebration of Hope Garden Party & Awards Dinner on September 17th ~

Ventura County, CA – Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara has selected four Cancer Support Community Oncology Heroes of the Year from a group of many exceptional and caring Oncology professionals. These heroes will be honored at the highly anticipated Celebration of Hope Garden Party & Awards Dinner returning to the Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks on Sunday, September 17th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Purchase tickets at www.cancersupportvvsb.org/celebration-of-hope.

This year's Celebration of Hope Garden Party starts a new tradition of paying tribute to Oncology Supportive Care professionals. The Oncology Nurses of the Year are Shauna A. Lotz, RN; Heather Kellis-Young, RN; and Meghan Cleary, RN. Kayo Matsumoto MS, LMFT has been selected as CSCVSB Staff Member of the Year. These incredible heroes are being recognized for their extraordinary dedication to their patients and their families. "She quickly earns her patients' trust letting them know they are seen, heard & in a safe place," said one nominator, while another patient nominator shared, "An infusion room can be such a sad place, but with her personality, sense of humor and kindness, she made it bearable." In recognition of their tireless work, each honoree was recently gifted a luxurious Glam Day graciously hosted by Salon Nuuvo in Calabasas with styling from NIX Collection. "This glam day experience was a meaningful way to celebrate my accomplishments and re-charge, coming away feeling refreshed and appreciated. I will remember this day forever," said honoree Meghan Cleary, RN.



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“As I went through treatment, my nurses truly made a world of difference. I don’t know what I would have done without them. Their dedication inspires my commitment to return the favor, and I’m happy that we can honor these Heroes, so they receive the thanks they deserve,” said 2023 event chair Mona Hoss. Sponsors helping to support this event include UCLA Health, Bill & Joanne Miller Charitable Trust, The Cassar Family Foundation, and Seagen, among many other supportive sponsors and donors.

At Cancer Support Community VVSB’s Celebration of Hope Garden Party & Awards Dinner guests will get a glimpse into these Oncology Heroes’ day-to-day heartfelt work during a live sit-down conversation from the stage. The evening will also feature an abundant silent auction, spirited live auction, and popular wine pull, along with a new opportunity to win “Mystery Boxes” brimming with swag from national brands. This event gathers colleagues, friends, and loved ones who have been impacted by cancer to connect, share stories, and honor our local Oncology Heroes working in a supportive care capacity. Money raised will be used to support families and individuals impacted by cancer. Organizers anticipate a sell-out event, get your tickets at www.cancersupportvvsb.org/celebration-of-hope today.

Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara – Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara (CSCVSB) is an independently governed and funded non-profit and an affiliate of the Cancer Support Community. CSCVSB serves an average of 2000 adults and children impacted by cancer each year with programs throughout Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, and West San Fernando Valley. Programs are provided at no cost to participants.



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