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**Cancer Support Community Supports the Whole Family, the Whole Time
with New Families Connect Room and the St. Luke’s Family Library**

Saint Louis, MO (July 8, 2016) – [Cancer Support Community of Greater St. Louis](http://www.cancersupportstl.org) (CSC), will introduce the new Families Connect Room and St. Luke’s Family Library with an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on **Monday, August 1st from 5:30 -7:00 PM** at **CSC, 1058 Old Des Peres Road, St. Louis, 63131**.

The new **Families Connect Room and St. Luke’s Family Library** will provide additional support and resources, not only for families with a parent or adult caretaker with cancer who are in our Families Connect group, but also for families in that same situation who have children under five years old who are too young for the family group. One CSC Member, Justin, found the new family library helpful when revealing his cancer diagnosis to his three-year-old son and shared; *“When I got my diagnosis, I was worried about a lot of things, especially what to say to my son, who was three at the time. CSC’s library has been a tremendous resource for our family. We’ve found books that help us talk to him in an age appropriate way about what was going on with me. My wife and I are grateful that we had access to these resources that helped him process his own feelings and have a sense of control during what’s been a really uncertain time.”*

This family friendly room hosts a variety of materials to support the whole family, the whole time. Books are available for children, teens and adult caretakers addressing cancer education, coping skills, emotions, bereavement, stress management and survivorship. Families will be able to take workbooks, stress management supplies, and enjoy the special space designated just for families with children and teens.

WHAT: Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Families Connect Room and the St. Luke’s Family Library

WHERE: Cancer Support Community of Greater St. Louis, 1058 Old Des Peres Road, 63131

WHEN: Monday, August 1st; 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Call Cancer Support Community at 314-238-2000 to RSVP.

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Note: Reporters are invited and welcome to attend the Open House. Please contact us in advance if you are interested in bringing a photo/videographer or would like a facility tour.

Cancer Support Community of Greater St. Louis (CSC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community to enhance their overall well-being. All programs are offered at no charge in a comfortable, home-like environment. Cancer Support Community offers professionally-led support groups, educational workshops, nutrition and exercise programs, and stress management classes to empower and educate individuals affected by cancer. For more information, visit www.cancersupportstl.org or call 314-238-2000.