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Cancer Support Community and American Cancer Society Partner Together to Take Action Against Cancer with Local Cancer Moonshot Summit

Saint Louis, MO (June 24, 2016) – <u>Cancer Support Community of Greater St. Louis</u> (CSC), American Cancer Society, and American Cancer Society Action Network are partnering together to take action against cancer as part of the Vice President Biden's Cancer Moonshot. Local cancer survivors, volunteers and their families plan to gather to watch Vice President Biden make remarks on the status of the National Cancer Moonshot.

WHAT: St. Louis Cancer Moonshot Summit, Lunch & Brief Program-replay of Vice President Biden's summit remarks and panel of cancer experts to talk about what the Moonshot means for St. Louis. Join us to experience the local cancer patient perspective on this historic day. Watch the Vice President's call to action alongside cancer patients and their families as they make their own personal commitments and call on Congress to help end a disease that continues to kill one person every minute of every day in this country.

WHERE: American Cancer Society, 4207 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, Mo 63108

WHEN: Wednesday, June 29 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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

On June 29th, the Vice President is convening a Cancer Moonshot Summit, including conversations in communities across the United States. These Summits 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 all convene under the national charge to double the rate of progress toward a cure.

The St. Louis Moonshot Summit will be an opportunity to share updates and discuss efforts to accelerate LOCAL progress in cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care while keeping the patient experience at the front of the conversation.

More information about the Moonshot can be found here: <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov/cancermoonshot</u>

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Note: Reporters are welcome to attend the summit, however, please contact us in advance if you are interested in bringing a photo/videographer.

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 <u>www.cancersupportstl.org</u> or call 314-238-2000.

About the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is a global grassroots force of 2.5 million volunteers saving lives and fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. As the largest voluntary health organization, the Society's efforts have contributed to a 22 percent decline in cancer death rates in the US during the past two decades, and a 50 percent drop in smoking rates. Thanks in part to our progress; nearly 14.5 million Americans who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will celebrate more birthdays this year. We're determined to finish the fight against cancer. As the nation's largest private, not-for-profit investor in cancer research, we're finding cures and ensuring people facing cancer have the help they need and continuing the fight for access to quality health care, lifesaving screenings, clean air, and more. For more information, to get help, or to join the fight, visit cancer.org or call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345.