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Cancer Center staff awarded for walking every step of the way with 11,135 cancer patients

On Thursday, October 26th, Patricia Strusowski and the Cancer Care Management Team at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center were presented the Honorable Roxana Cannon Arsht “You Are Not Alone” Award by Clint Walker, General Counsel, Barclays Bank and Cancer Care Connection’s new Chairman of the Board. Cancer Care Connection presents the award annually to the person or group distinguished in both vision and action to improve the lives of people with cancer in Delaware. Since 1999, Strusowski and her team have walked every step of the way with 11,135 cancer patients, providing more than 150,000 services.

The award is named after a local visionary and leader, the Honorable Roxana Cannon Arsht. She was known as a tiny person with huge candle power because her work touched so many, like a light in the darkness, and sparked a flame for others to follow. In 1999, Judge Arsht turned her experience with cancer into a commitment to help others by forming Cancer Care Connection. About the same time, the Cancer Care Management team at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center began its work to serve cancer patients and families, working tirelessly to improve the lives of those affected by cancer.

The team received the award because of their commitment to the community and the cancer patients at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center. They are seen as an example for others to follow. The team has efficiently and effectively maintained an average active caseload of 100 – 125 patients, making an average of 250 visits per month, which they followed for six to nine months.

Janet F. Teixeira, M.S.S., L.C.S.W., Co-Executive Director for Cancer Care Connection, said “Over the past five years Patricia Strusowski and her team have unfailingly responded to any request for assistance with ease and competency. Tricia and her team strive for excellence and as a result, achieve excellence, much in the spirit of Roxana Arsht and all that she envisioned for improving the lives of cancer patients in Delaware.” Clint Walker presented the award to Patricia and said “It is with great enthusiasm that we share with you the flame of Roxana’s commitment and vision to everyone living with cancer.”

Cancer Care Connection (CCC) provides easy access to comprehensive resources, information and professional mentoring to improve the overall quality of life of anyone affected by cancer. CCC accomplishes this through their extensive database of resources, community and government collaborations and the personal support of their dedicated staff.

The vision of Cancer Care Connection is that no one facing cancer feels alone; that all individuals receive the compassionate and professional support they need to make the best decision for their situation; and that CCC influences community, business, health care and government leaders to continue to improve the quality and accessibility of resources to those affected by cancer.

Christiana Care Health System is dedicated to improving the health of all individuals in the communities they serve through health care services, education and research. Christiana Care Health System strives to be a coordinated, patient-focused health care system of unsurpassed excellence. Based in Wilmington, DE, Christiana Care Health System is one of the largest health care providers in the mid-Atlantic region, serving all of Delaware and portions of seven counties bordering the state in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey.