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Glendale Memorial's Marcia Ray Breast Center Celebrates Cancer Survivors and Hosts Art Exhibit

Glendale—The 14th Annual Cancer Survivor Celebration hosted by Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center's Marcia Ray Breast Center will be held on July 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the hospital's Main Auditorium (1420 S. Central Ave.). This year, the event will feature the Lilly Oncology On Canvas (LOOC), an exhibition developed by Lilly in 2004 to honor women around the world whose lives had been affected by cancer, as well as the Tree of Life.

"This year, we are excited to feature the artwork from the Lilly Oncology On Canvas exhibition," said Maryann Robertson, Cancer Survivor Day event chair and administrative supervisor of the Marcia Ray Breast Center. "Celebrating cancer survivors in this manner really speaks to mission of the Marcia Ray Breast Center. Everyone in the community, including almost 50 hospital staff and volunteers, gather together to recognize these individuals and commemorate their incredible journeys. Together we celebrate their accomplishment in the fight against cancer."

Each year, cancer survivors place their name on the Tree of Life. This year, the Lilly Oncology on Canvas exhibit, sponsored by the Pacific Shores Hematology-Oncology Foundation, will donate the Tree of Life to the event. Survivors will write their name and/or message on leaves that will then attach on the branches of the tree. The tree, created by two artists, will be approximately six feet high and three feet in circumferences. The trunk of tree will have outline of women's body on each side so it looks like they are holding hands.

For the past 13 years, the Marcia Ray Breast Center has hosted this special event to recognize and honor the cancer survivors of the community. This year's Mardis Gras Masquerade will feature the Mark Z. Steven band as entertainment, as well as caricaturist Michael Garisek. Over 150 cancer survivors and their guests are expected to come together to celebrate the achievements of these individuals.

The annual Donald Bogdon, M.D., Award is presented to a person who has distinguished themselves in the fight against cancer. This year's nominees are Mardiros Mihranian, M.D., board certified surgeon with Glendale Memorial, and Amy DeBlaise-Kasai, cancer research director at Glendale Memorial. Dr. Mihranian was nominated for his unparalleled reputation in providing quality surgical care with compassion and dedication to his patients. Amy Deblaise-Kasai was nominated for her passion and leadership for the cancer research program at Glendale Memorial. The winner will be announced at the event.

Glendale Memorial's Marcia Ray Breast Center is proud to have the support of its sponsors: Los Angeles Cancer Network, MagView, Glendale Radiation Therapy Center, Mediscan Staffing Services, Mammaprint, Cliff Hoffman, Glendale Memorial Foundation and Pacific Shores Hematology-Oncology Foundation.

Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center is a 334-bed acute care community hospital serving the health care needs of our community since 1926. We are dedicated to healing people, and strengthening the communities we serve. Glendale Memorial has also been distinguished as one of America's 50 Best Hospitals for three years in a row by HealthGrades®.

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