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THE QUEEN’S MEDICAL CENTER NAMED LIVESTRONG® COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECT FINALIST AND AWARD RECIPIENT
Organization will receive $20,000 to help people affected by cancer

HONOLULU – The Queen’s Medical Center (QMC) has been named as a LIVESTRONG® Community Impact Project Finalist and award recipient. The project, created by the Lance Armstrong Foundation, the non-profit founded by the cancer survivor and champion cyclist to serve people affected by cancer and empower them to take action, will bring proven cancer support programs to 90 communities across the United States.

“We are pleased to be selected as a LIVESTRONG Community Impact Project award recipient,” said Debbie Ishihara-Wong, QMC Director of Oncology Services and Administrative Lead, NCI Community Cancer Centers Program. “This award will directly impact our ability to support those in our community who are affected by cancer and continues our efforts to provide quality cancer care to our patients.”

“Together, we’re making a difference in the lives of cancer survivors and their families in our area. We want to thank everyone who voted in support of bringing The Creative Center – Hospital Artist-in-Residence Program to Queen’s,” said Darlena Chadwick, QMC Vice President for Patient Care.

More than 200 qualified hospitals, cancer centers, university students and community organizations in eight regions across the United States were selected to participate in an online voting campaign. Over a two-week period, more than 450,000 votes were cast.

The Creative Center – Hospital Artist-in-Residence Program is dedicated to bringing the arts to people with cancer and chronic illness through all stages of life as a way to help them discover their own creative resources while meeting the challenges of diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. The Artist-in-Residence program helps cancer survivors deal with the stresses of treatment through artistic expression. The program will work bedside and in small group settings with men, women and children – in oncology units, bone marrow transplant units, intensive care/respiratory units, hospice and palliative care programs.
The Lance Armstrong Foundation is committed to supporting community organizations in their efforts to help cancer survivors face the challenges and changes that come with cancer. Since its inception in 1997, the organization has invested more than $70 million in community-centered organizations.

About the Lance Armstrong Foundation
The Lance Armstrong Foundation serves people affected by cancer and empowers them to take action against the world’s leading cause of death. With its iconic yellow LIVESTRONG wristband, the Foundation became a symbol of hope and inspiration to people throughout the world affected by cancer. Created in 1997 by cancer survivor and champion cyclist Lance Armstrong, the Foundation provides free patient navigation services to survivors with financial, emotional and practical challenges that accompany the disease. Known for its powerful brand – LIVESTRONG – the Foundation is also a leader in the global movement on behalf of 28 million people living with cancer today. Since its inception in 1997, the Foundation has raised more than $450 million for the fight against cancer. For more information, visit LIVESTRONG.org.

In addition, QMC is one of 30 sites in the nation selected by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to participate in the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program (NCCCP). A key component of the NCCCP is its Disparities Core which focuses on improving health care and increasing access to clinical trials for disparate and minority communities.

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The Queen’s Medical Center is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, acute care medical facility accredited by The Joint Commission. The facility houses 505 acute beds and 28 sub-acute beds and is widely known for its programs in cancer, cardiovascular disease, neuroscience, orthopaedics, surgery, emergency medicine and trauma, and behavioral medicine. Queen’s is home to a number of residency programs offered in conjunction with the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Queen’s has achieved Magnet® status – the highest institutional honor for hospital excellence – from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Magnet® recognition is held by less than six percent of hospitals in the United States. Queen’s is the first hospital in Hawai’i to achieve Magnet® status.