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New Mental Health Resource for Colorado cancer patients available

Denver, CO (May 19, 2021) – The Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation is launching a new Therapy Assistance Program for Colorado cancer patients and their family members. The purpose of this new program is to help remove the barriers to mental health support for these individuals due to a cancer diagnosis, progression of the disease, or loss of life. The program consists of a designated place for cancer patients and caregivers to go to find the right mental health specialist for them. These providers are licensed in the State of Colorado and have specialized expertise in Psychosocial Oncology, medical trauma, grief/loss, PTSD and caregiver stress.

“For nearly 20 years we have been providing financial assistance to Colorado cancer patients going through treatment and have seen the devastating affects a cancer diagnosis can take on an individual and their family members, said Executive Director of the Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation, Audra Fleming. “The devasting toll of cancer goes far beyond medical treatment and this added program is meant to remove the barriers to mental health support for cancer patients and their families.”

Dr. Jana Bolduan Lomax, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in Denver shared, “I am excited Ray of Hope is being very intentional and having vetted, licensed professionals with expertise that want to help individuals with medical conditions and their family members, and I'm thrilled to be a part of this group.” In addition, Dr. Lomax stated, “This resource makes it both easier and safer for families to find a good match with a therapist.”

The new therapy program overview and list of providers can be found at www.rayofhopecolorado.org/therapy. Ray of Hope is working with cancer centers across the state to get the information into patients and caregiver’s hands. The resource lets the patients know what insurance the provider takes, their website, phone and where they are located. Many of the professionals listed provide virtual therapy sessions, helping cancer patients across the state to find support. In addition, Ray of Hope will continue to provide their financial grant program to Colorado cancer patients in active cancer treatment, helping to provide support for the financial needs including housing, food, utilities, and more.

For more information about the new Therapy Assistance Program go to www.rayofhopecolorado.org/therapy or call 303-835-2568.

The Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation was established in 2002 by oncologist Dr. David Schrier in memory of his patient, Ray Wentz. The financial assistance program offers over 70 grants per month to Colorado cancer patients in need, helping to reduce the worry about how they will pay for housing, utilities, or food while going through treatment. For more information about Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation, please visit, rayofhopecolorado.org/