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Guam Cancer Care to unveil Patient Transport Program Vehicle at GADA Auto Expo

(Guam – November 16, 2012) Guam Cancer Care will be unveiling their Patient Transport Program vehicle at the GADA Auto Expo this Saturday, November 17, at the Agana Shopping Center. Through the donations of Cars Plus, IP&E and Bank of Guam, Guam Cancer Care is able to continue their mission of bridging the gaps in health services and work towards the launch of their Patient Transport Program for local cancer patients. Currently, Guam Cancer Care administers critical direct support services programs for Guam residents afflicted by cancer, in the form of patient navigation, financial assistance, cancer screening and early detection. The implementation of the Patient Transport Program will allow Guam Cancer Care to enhance its services by providing patient transportation, to and from medical appointments.

“We are extremely grateful to our Patient Transport Program sponsors, Cars Plus, IP&E and Bank of Guam, for supporting Guam Cancer Care and providing us with these resources to expand existing services for our local cancer patients. We look forward to fully launching our Patient Transport Program in December 2012,” says Guam Cancer Care’s Executive Director Terry Cuabo.

The vehicle unveiling will take place on **at the GADA Auto Expo on Saturday, November 17, 11am at the Agana Shopping Center.**

Guam Cancer Care’s Patient Navigation program has assisted over 310 Guam residents afflicted by cancer during the last year in operation, brought in over \$1,107,908 in external resources, to include but not limited to; low to no-cost chemotherapy drugs or direct financial assistance for eligible Guam cancer patients from stateside organizations such as CancerCare.org, Patient Advocacy Foundation, Prescription Solutions, Genentech Access Solutions, Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy, and Celgene Specialty Pharmacy, to name a few. In addition to providing patient navigation to Guam cancer patients, Guam Cancer has issued out financial assistance awards to a total of one-hundred forty-four (144) eligible cancer patients totaling approximately \$184,482.93. These financial assistance awards will help cover the costs of much-needed cancer treatment for patients who are currently on active treatment.

Funding provided to Guam Cancer Care comes out of the Guam Cancer Trust Fund, which was established by Public Law 30-80, and redirects 15% of all tobacco taxes generated within the Territory be deposited to the Guam Cancer Trust Fund, under the purview of the University of Guam, to be used exclusively to provide direct support services for Guam cancer patients.

For further information regarding Guam Cancer Care’s programs, please contact Chalorna Lauron, Marketing & Program Coordinator at 969-2223, email at clauron@guamcancercare.org, or visit them at their website at www.guamcancercare.org.

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