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Guam Cancer Care Receives \$800k Grant from Guam Cancer Trust Fund

(Guam – November 5, 2012) The University of Guam and the Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF) council announced today the awarding of an \$800,000 grant award to *Guam Cancer Care*, an official 501c3 non-profit organization registered on Guam. This grant award will enable Guam Cancer Care to continue to administer critical direct support services programs for Guam residents afflicted by cancer, in the form of patient navigation, financial assistance, local transportation, cancer screening and early detection, or any services necessary for these patients to access treatment. “We are extremely grateful to the University of Guam for awarding this grant to our organization, as it allows us to sustain key direct cancer support programs that will benefit many Guam cancer patients in the upcoming fiscal year. We look forward to working collaboratively with the University in continuing to provide these critical support services to our local cancer patients,” says Guam Cancer Care’s Executive Director Terry Cuabo.

The 2013 Grant Award signing will take place on **November 8 at 9am at the UOG President’s Conference Room.**

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.

Cuabo states: *“I encourage our island community to assist in spreading the word about Guam Cancer Care’s mission and those afflicted by this deadly disease to contact us so that we can assist them through this delicate and sensitive process. We encourage all Guam residents to “Join the Fight” in our efforts to help save lives, one person at a time!”*

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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