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American Cancer Society Celebrates People in Action

National Volunteer Week is April 15 - 21

TIGARD, OR (April 13, 2018) – In celebration of the 44th annual National Volunteer Week (April 15-21), the American Cancer Society recognizes and celebrates the efforts of its nearly two million volunteers nationwide who have helped make a difference for people facing cancer. The Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network sponsor the annual National Volunteer Week, which began in 1974 with an executive order by President Richard Nixon.

Volunteer, Peggy Buytaert, is no stranger to giving of herself. In 1998, after losing a close friend to cancer, she began to give back the best way she could – by volunteering her time to the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Tigard. Peggy has served as the resale shop manager and chair for more than fifteen years - during which, she has helped facilitate numerous fundraising projects benefiting the American Cancer Society. One such fundraiser is the annual Tea/Fashion show held at Summerfield Club House, an event that has sold out for the past several years.

American Cancer Society volunteers are the heart of the organization, including those at the Discovery Shop. They work to promote the shop, and often are the reason customers return and then spread the word about the unique resale opportunity. The volunteers are what make the shop successful.

“I volunteer for the American Cancer Society because cancer touches everyone in some way,” said Buytaert, Discovery Shop Manager. “To be part of an organization that has been helping save lives and lead the fight against cancer is an amazing experience.”

“Volunteers are the foundation of the American Cancer Society,” said Dave Rogers, American Cancer Society Executive Director. “As we celebrate this week, I want to thank each of our volunteers throughout Oregon and SW Washington for dedicating their time and energy to our cancer-fighting mission. We could not lead the fight for a world free of cancer without their continued support.”

Dedicated Society volunteers provide direct assistance and service to help people stay well and get well in a variety of ways. Some local American Cancer Society volunteer opportunities include:

- *Discovery Shop* - The Discovery Shop sells gently used clothing, handbags, jewelry, antiques, collectibles, household items and more. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society to fund research, programs and services for patients and their families.
- *Relay For Life* – The signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society - staffed and coordinated by volunteers in thousands of communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer.
- *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* – Each event is a noncompetitive 3 to 5 mile walk that brings people together to make a difference for everyone who has been touched by breast cancer. The events raise money to fund innovative research, provide free information and support, and to help people reduce their breast cancer risk or find it early when it's most treatable.
- *Road to Recovery*[®] – The American Cancer Society Road To Recovery[®] program provides transportation to and from treatment for people with cancer who do not have a ride or are unable to drive themselves.
- *Reach To Recovery*[®] – Provides one-on-one support as survivors to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. Volunteers offer understanding, support, and hope because they themselves have survived breast cancer and gone on to live productive lives.
- *American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network* – Oregon advocates, staff, and volunteers fight to eliminate cancer by encouraging decision makers to support laws and policies like cancer research funding, stronger tobacco control efforts, improved access to care, and better quality of life for patients.

To learn more about how you can save lives while fulfilling your own through volunteering, visit our website, www.cancer.org/volunteer.

About the American Cancer Society:

The American Cancer Society is a global grassroots force of nearly 2 million volunteers dedicated to saving lives, celebrating lives, and leading the fight for a world without cancer. From breakthrough research, to free lodging near treatment, a 24/7/365 live helpline, free rides to treatment, and convening powerful activists to create awareness and impact, the Society is attacking cancer from every angle. For more information go to www.cancer.org.

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