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Miami-Area Recipients of Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation’s Leaders For A Cure Award Announced

Honoring those making an impact in the fight against cancer

MILWAUKEE, WI – The Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation (VLCF) announces the recipients for its 3rd annual Leaders For A Cure award. The following individuals, hospital and company are recognized for their dedication and commitment to winning the battle against cancer.

Hector Rodriguez-Cortes, M.D. is the medical director of Pediatric Hematology Oncology and chief of the Department of Pediatrics at Salah Foundation Children’s Hospital. He works with young patients in Broward County and is making a difference in the fight against cancer through research and compassionate care.

Peggy Townsend, MSM, BSN, RN, CPON is the director of operations at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. She instructs chemotherapy courses and her positive and uplifting spirit, in a specialty that is often difficult, are her key attributes.

Jill Drury, Pharm.D., MBA is a Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist with Bristol Myers Squibb as a Health Systems Medical Director. She is a clinical and strategic asset within the company ensuring providers and patients have access to the best oncology medicines available.

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine recently earned National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation. Sylvester is recognized for success conducting groundbreaking research to better understand cancer and develop lifesaving therapies, providing quality care for patients and reaching out to underserved communities with innovative prevention strategies.

Lyft, through LyftUp, the Ronald McDonald House Charities Miami chapter was granted ride credit to help transport cancer patients and their families. Additionally, the company’s round up and donate feature also allows for riders nationwide to increase donations to the cause of their choice. LyftUp is the company’s comprehensive effort to expand transportation access to those who need it most.

“We had so many inspirational nominations,” said Trace Tendick, president of the Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation. “It is truly a privilege to honor those who are tirelessly working to make a real difference for others, in the same spirit as legendary coach Vince Lombardi.”

About the Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation

The Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation was established in 1971, in memory of five-time National Football League Championship Green Bay Packers Coach Vince Lombardi. His spirit, enthusiasm and commitment to excellence touched countless lives. On September 3, 1970, he lost a battle to colon cancer, dying at only 57. In his honor, the foundation is dedicated to preventing cancer, caring for those who are battling it and finding a cure. For more information on the Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation, visit lombardifoundation.org and follow the foundation on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.