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CAROLYN'S COMPASSIONATE CHILDREN AWARDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG ADULT CANCER SURVIVORS

(Boston, Mass. – August 25, 2008) – Carolyn's Compassionate Children (CCC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of young adult cancer survivors, today announced the 19 college scholarship recipients for 2008. This is the sixth year for the CCC Scholarships Program.

"The scholarship committee is honored to recognize these young adult cancer survivors," said Carolyn Rubenstein, CCC President and Founder. "Each recipient is filled with passion, dedication, and courage. We are certain that they will all make a difference in the world."

A college scholarship committee selects recipients based upon personal character, financial need, successful completion of high school, and community service. Each recipient receives \$1,000 for his or her college education.

"We hope that by removing financial barriers to higher education we will encourage more young adult cancer survivors to pursue their dreams of attending college," said Jamie Corder, CCC Executive Director. "Attainment of an advanced degree creates a ripple effect in which the quality of life for the student improves, thus improving the lives of their families, and ultimately positively impacting more than just one person's future."

2008 Scholarship Recipients:

Anna Alcaro: Clark, PA. Penn State University

Shone Almeida: Culver City, CA. David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Ryan Cerullo: Liberty, NY. SUNY Potsdam Crane School of Music

Hunter Durfee: Troy, NH. Keene State College

Matt Ortiz Leadership Scholarship Recipient Brianna Glanzman: Whitehall, WI. University of Wisconsin – Madison

Chloe Greenbaum: Rye Brook, NY. Dartmouth College

Leanna Elizalde: Woodland, CA. Kaplan College

Ethan Helm: Mabelvale, AR. University of Arkansas Medical School

Amanda Konopka: Canton, MA. University of Delaware (Honors/Nursing Programs)

Ian Kraft: Burke, VA. University of Mary Washington

Broox Middleton: Chunchola, AL. Auburn University

Brittany Peluso: Naperville, IL. Benedictine University

Allie Stough: Chesterfield, VA. Richard Bland College of the College of William & Mary

Lauren Tharp: Athens, GA. Mercer University School of Medicine

Nicole Torcolini: Silverdale, WA. Stanford University

Elizabeth Underwood: Albermarle, NC. Wingate University

Samantha VanCamp: Langhorne, PA. Philadelphia Biblical University

Nathan Walz: Cold Spring, MN. St. John's University

Michelle Waters: Boise, ID. Queens University of Charlotte

2008 Scholarship Committee:

Chair: Carolyn Rubenstein, BA Psychology Duke University '07, Harvard University PhD
Clinical Psychology student

Dr. Catherine Bagwell, Associate Professor of Psychology at University of Richmond

Dr. Melanie Bonner, Assistant Professor of Pediatric Psychology at Duke University Medical Center and Director of Graduate Studies for Department of Psychology and Neuroscience

Dr. Ronald Brown, Dean of College of Health Professions at Temple University and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Pediatric Psychology

Dr. Heather Conklin, Pediatric Neuropsychologist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Dr. Barbara Fiese, The Pampered Chef, Ltd. Endowed Chair in Family Resiliency & Professor and Director, The Family Resiliency Center - Department of Human and Community Development, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Amy Marcus, 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner, reporter for the Wall Street Journal with a focus on rare diseases, cancer, and patient advocacy & Robert Wood Johnson Investigator Award 2006 (Topic: Improving the Cancer Care Experience for Rare Cancer Survivors)

Dr. Laura Nabors, Associate Professor of Psychology at University of Cincinnati

Alex Oden, Two Time Brain Tumor Survivor and First Recipient of Lance Armstrong Livestrong Junior Spirit of Survivorship Award, Carolyn's Compassionate Children Scholarship Recipient 2006, Class of 2010 at Northern Arizona University

Dr. Seth Pollak, Distinguished Professor of Psychology at University of Wisconsin

Dr. Jerilynn Radcliffe, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology at University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Director of Assessment and Neuropsychology Service and Department of Psychology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Dr. Sally Reis, Director of Educational Psychology at University of Connecticut

Dr. Kenneth Tercyak, Director of Pediatric Psychology Research at Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center

Jackie Waldman, Author of five books about The Courage to Give, CNN millennium hero, and multiple appearances on Oprah

Dr. John Weisz, President and CEO at Judge Baker Children's Center at Harvard and Professor of Psychology at Harvard College of Arts & Sciences and Harvard Medical School

Dr. Donald Wertlieb, Professor of Psychology at Tufts University

Dr. Whitney Witt, Assistant Professor of Psychology at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Dr. Lonnie Zeltzer, Professor of Pediatrics at UCLA School of Medicine and Associate Director of Patients and Survivors Program at UCLA Cancer Center

About Carolyn's Compassionate Children (CCC)

CCC, which became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 2000, was founded in 1999 by Harvard graduate student Carolyn Rubenstein at the age of 14 to help alleviate the emotional isolation felt by many young cancer patients. CCC began as a pen pal program linking childhood cancer patients with their healthy peers through letter writing. Six years ago, it expanded to include a college scholarship program for young adult cancer survivors known as CCC Scholarships. Today, CCC aims to improve the quality of life for young adult cancer survivors by providing financial and informational resources. All donations to CCC go directly to the CCC Scholarships Program. Please visit CCC's website, cccscholarships.org, for more information.

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