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THYCA TO HOST 11TH ANNUAL THYROID CANCER SURVIVORS' CONFERENCE

Educational Event Features 100 Sessions Designed for Those Affected by Thyroid Cancer

Olney, MD (July 10, 2008)—ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. today announced its 11th Annual International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference to be held October 17-19, 2008, at the Sheraton Westport Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. The event will feature more than 100 informative sessions designed for those whose lives have been touched by thyroid cancer.

Thyroid cancer, one of the few cancers increasing in incidence, is expected to reach a new record of 37,340 people newly diagnosed in the United States in 2008. This conference is designed to offer information and support for those impacted by thyroid cancer, including presentations and sessions on a variety of topics such as:

- Up-to-date medical advances in thyroid cancer treatment and follow-up
- Clinical trials and updated research
- Insurance and employment
- Unique Ask-a-Doctor sessions
- Survivor-caregiver roundtables
- Coping skills and strategies to improve well-being

"The Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference is the key event focused specifically on support and education for those affected by thyroid cancer," said Gary Bloom, ThyCa Executive Director, Conference Co-Coordinator, and 12-year survivor of thyroid cancer. "We are honored to bring together such an impressive group of people to share knowledge and experiences, learn from experts, and build camaraderie with those impacted by this terrible disease."

A number of distinguished institutions will be represented including University of Missouri, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Johns Mercy Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and many more. The conference is open to the public, and registration begins at 8 a.m. each day with walk-ins welcome. Cost for the complete conference is \$50, with discounts available to ThyCa members and scholarships available upon request. Additional information on the conference is available at <http://www.thyca.org/confpressroom.htm>.

About ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc.

ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (tax ID #52-2169434) of thyroid cancer survivors, family members, and healthcare professionals. The organization is dedicated to support, education and communication for thyroid cancer survivors, their families and friends. ThyCa also sponsors Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month, year-round awareness activities, and thyroid cancer research fundraising and research grants. For additional information, please visit www.thyca.org, call 1-877-588-7904, or e-mail thyca@thyca.org.
