

## **News Release**

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### **SUSAN B. ALLEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES LANCE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION GRANT TO SUPPORT CANCER SURVIVORSHIP INITIATIVES**

#### **Patient Navigation Program will Help Cancer Survivors by Coordinating Continuum of Care**

##### **For Immediate Release**

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EL DORADO, KS - Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital recently received a \$10,000 planning grant from the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) to support the development of a Patient Navigation Program named "Learning to Survive." Susan B. Allen was one of 27 community, non-profit organizations across the United States to receive LAF grants to help people with the physical, emotional, and practical challenges of cancer.

The "Learning to Survive" patient navigation program at Susan B. Allen will help persons diagnosed with cancer, and their families, by providing information, guidance and assistance in navigating through the challenges of multiple doctors' offices, clinics, hospitals, outpatient centers, insurance and payment systems, patient-support organizations, and other components of the health care system.

"With this LAF grant, Susan B. Allen plans to develop this navigational program so that families going through treatment here will have someone to help them from diagnosis through treatment, and even past that. We've got such an extraordinary team of cancer specialists who provide care here at SBA, who have wonderful contacts throughout the country, and this program will help our patients gain access to them all," said David

Shaw, Vice President and COO at Susan B. Allen. “We feel honored to be among the select group of recipients who all share a passion for helping people affected by cancer.”

The LAF awarded grants in five areas: practical issues of cancer survivorship; cancer pain, palliative and end-of-life care; physical activity and nutrition; survivorship education; and emotional support for people living with cancer. Each grant recipient completed a rigorous application process, and proposals were reviewed by a selection committee comprised of cancer survivors and cancer community experts and advisors.

“We are pleased to expand our support of community-centered, cancer survivorship initiatives through the awarding of 27 new grants this year,” said Suzanne Kho, director of grants at the LAF. “Together, we are helping to improve the quality of life of people affected by cancer at all stages of the survivorship continuum.”

**About Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital:**

Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit, general acute care hospital that includes a home health agency, a dialysis center and a cancer center. The Hospital is governed by a local board of citizens, and is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

**About the Lance Armstrong Foundation**

The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) inspires and empowers people affected by cancer. We help people with cancer focus on living; we believe that unity is strength, knowledge is power and attitude is everything. From the moment of diagnosis, the LAF provides the practical information and tools people with cancer need to live life on their own terms. The LAF serves its mission through advocacy, public health and research. Founded in 1997 by cancer survivor and champion cyclist Lance Armstrong, the LAF is located in Austin, Texas. For more information, visit [livestrong.org](http://livestrong.org).

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