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## **Call for entries to ASTRO's annual Survivor Circle Award**

*Award will honor a San Antonio area cancer survivor dedicated to volunteering in their community; applications due June 5, 2015*

Fairfax, Va., March 31, 2015—The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) seeks to recognize an individual cancer survivor in San Antonio and the surrounding area who has committed his or her time and energy to volunteering in their local community. The winner of ASTRO's 2015 Survivor Circle Award will receive \$1,000 and will be recognized at a ceremony on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at ASTRO's 57th Annual Scientific Meeting, the nation's premier scientific meeting in radiation oncology, hosting more than 11,000 radiation oncology physicians and professionals, to be held October 18-21, 2015, at San Antonio's Henry B. González Convention Center.

"Cancer survivors have a great ability to empower others by drawing from their own experiences to offer meaningful support for other patients. They serve as a valuable resource to us as we strive to continually improve cancer care," said David C. Beyer, MD, FASTRO, president-elect of ASTRO. "The Survivor Circle Award will honor a San Antonio area resident who is dedicated to helping others in their community, and we look forward to recognizing their leadership and tenacity."

Any cancer survivor residing within San Antonio and the surrounding area (including Austin and Houston) who received radiation therapy as part of their treatment and who is giving back to their community through volunteer efforts is eligible to enter. The winner may keep the

cash prize of \$1,000 or may donate the award to a support organization or charity of his or her choice. The application is online at [www.rtanswers.org/scaward](http://www.rtanswers.org/scaward). Applications must be postmarked by June 5, 2015.

Since 2003, ASTRO has recognized cancer survivors in the city where its Annual Scientific Meeting is held. In addition to recognizing a local individual each year, ASTRO provides grants to patient advocacy groups that help patients and their families cope with a cancer diagnosis. These organizations are featured in the Survivor Circle during ASTRO's Annual Meeting.

"Cancer survivors play an important role in developing new and improving current treatments for cancer as we pursue increased patient survival and better outcomes," said Laura I. Thevenot, ASTRO CEO. "This award recognizes the commitment and strength of cancer survivors and patient advocates."

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**For more information on ASTRO's 57th Annual Meeting, please visit [www.astro.org/AnnualMeeting](http://www.astro.org/AnnualMeeting).**

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## **ABOUT ASTRO**

*ASTRO is the premier radiation oncology society in the world, with nearly 11,000 members who are physicians, nurses, biologists, physicists, radiation therapists, dosimetrists and other health care professionals that specialize in treating patients with radiation therapies. As the leading organization in radiation oncology, the Society is dedicated to improving patient care through professional education and training, support for clinical practice and health policy standards, advancement of science and research, and advocacy. ASTRO publishes two medical journals, International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics ([www.redjournal.org](http://www.redjournal.org)) and Practical Radiation Oncology ([www.practicalradonc.org](http://www.practicalradonc.org)); developed and maintains an extensive patient website, [www.rtanswers.org](http://www.rtanswers.org); and created the Radiation Oncology Institute ([www.roinstitute.org](http://www.roinstitute.org)), a non-profit foundation to support research and education efforts around the world that enhance and confirm the critical role of radiation therapy in improving cancer treatment. To learn more about ASTRO, visit [www.astro.org](http://www.astro.org).*

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