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Fight Colorectal Cancer Announces 2011-2012 Grassroots Action Committee Members

ALEXANDRIA, V.A. — Fight Colorectal Cancer is pleased to announce the 2011-2012 members of our Grassroots Action Committee. The Committee is a group of committed, engaged volunteer advocates who take action when asked. The Committee is the catalyst of our grassroots advocate community, and provides advice to help us achieve our strategic goals and objectives by empowering grassroots advocates across the country.

Carlea Bauman, President of Fight Colorectal Cancer released the following statement today following the announcement of the 2011-2012 Committee:

“Fight Colorectal Cancer is thrilled that Rose Hausmann, Elaine Newcomb, Doug Sharp, and Josh Wimberly will be joining our 2011-2012 Grassroots Action Committee. This distinguished group of survivors and caregivers will help us continue the push for research funding, awareness campaigns, access to screening, and treatment coverage. Colorectal cancer advocates who speak up and demand a change in current colorectal cancer policy will be the ones who make a difference in the fight against this disease.”

Members of the 2011-2012 Committee include:

Doug Sharp, Chair

A resident of Prairie Village, Kansas, Mr. Sharp is the chairman of the Tom O'Sullivan Memorial Golf Classic. Mr. Sharp got involved in advocacy to honor his good friend, Dr. Tom O'Sullivan who passed away from colorectal cancer in June 2007. After losing his friend to this terrible disease, Mr. Sharp worked with Tom's family to start a benefit tournament to raise money to help in the fight for a cure.

Rose Hausmann

Five years ago Ms. Hausmann was diagnosed with stage III colon cancer. After her diagnosis and over the course of the past five years, she have had multiple surgeries and numerous rounds of chemotherapy. After a recurrence in 2009, she found Fight Colorectal Cancer's website and Answer Line. Since first connecting with the organization, Ms. Hausmann has been a tireless advocate attending Fight Colorectal Cancer's annual lobby day in DC as well as founding a softball tournament in her home state of New Jersey to help raise money to fund the fight for a cure.

Elaine Newcomb

Ms. Newcomb is a 68 year old wife, mother of four, grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of one. In May 2009, a severe gall bladder attack sent her to the emergency room and subsequent tests confirmed stage IV colon cancer with mets to the liver. Ms. Newcomb's first oncologist gave her a grim diagnosis of having just months to live and no treatment options.

Ms. Newcomb didn't accept that prognosis and became her own personal advocate finding a team of doctors to work with her and after chemo and a liver resection in September 2009, she is now in remission. After her experience, Ms. Newcomb has become an advocate for more research, treatment options and training for physicians so no one is ever again left without hope if they receive this diagnosis.

Josh Wimberly

Mr. Wimberly is a rectal cancer patient/survivor from Bessemer, Alabama where he lives with his wife Kimberly. He was diagnosed in August 2007 at 30 years old and has undergone four separate rounds of chemotherapy as well as radiation and multiple surgeries. Mr. Wimberly has participated in the Fight Colorectal Cancer annual lobby day for the last three years.

Fight Colorectal Cancer (formerly the C3: Colorectal Cancer Coalition) is the leading colorectal cancer advocacy organization in Washington, DC and demands a cure for the second leading cancer killer in the United States. In addition to our advocacy work, we offer support for patients, family members, and caregivers and serve as a resource for colorectal cancer advocates, policymakers, medical professionals, and healthcare providers. We also do everything we can to increase and improve research – at all stages of development and for all stages of cancer. Find out how you can get involved at FightColorectalCancer.org.

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