American Cancer Society Needs Volunteer Drivers to Transport Cancer Patients to Treatment

ATLANTA, Feb. 12, 2018 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The American Cancer Society is in need of more volunteer drivers to support the Road To Recovery® program, which provides cancer patients with free rides to treatment. A successful transportation assistance program can be a tremendous, potentially life-saving asset for cancer patients.

"One of the biggest roadblocks to cancer treatment can be lack of transportation," said Chuck Westbrook, Senior VP, cancer control programs and services, American Cancer Society. "The American Cancer Society is addressing this critical need through its Road To Recovery program, but we need more volunteers to help us get cancer patients to their appointments. Even the best treatment can't work if a cancer patient can't get there."

The American Cancer Society currently has nearly 10,000 Road To Recovery drivers nationally, but the need for drivers is greater than the number of volunteers. In many communities, due to the lack of drivers, transportation requests can go unmet. Volunteer drivers are needed to help patients get to and from cancer treatments. The organization screens and trains all volunteer drivers, and coordinates the rides for patients. Volunteer drivers donate their time and can provide as many rides as they want.

All drivers need:

- A current, valid driver's license
- A good driving record
- Proof of adequate car insurance
- Access to a safe and reliable vehicle
- Regular desktop, laptop, or tablet computer access
- Schedule availability

The American Cancer Society stands shoulder to shoulder with cancer patients and those supporting them, focused on improving patient access to quality care, including transportation.

To learn more about volunteering for the Road To Recovery program, visit cancer.org or call 800-227-2345.

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