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Target Cancer Foundation to Host Cancer Moonshot Summit June 29th

Cambridge, MA - On June 29th, 2016, TargetCancer Foundation will host will host one of hundreds of local summits being held around the country in conjunction with Vice President Joe Biden's National White House Cancer Moonshot Summit. TargetCancer Foundation will focus its local summit on the unique research and treatment challenges posed by rare cancers.

"We are thrilled to participate in the Vice President's Cancer Moonshot initiative", said TargetCancer Foundation Executive Director Jim Palma. "It is only fitting that we are holding this event in the epicenter of biotech and scientific research in Cambridge, and we look forward to providing a voice to those who are facing rare cancers."

The feedback generated at the summit will be provided directly to the White House for inclusion in their efforts. In his speech at the annual American Society of Clinical Oncology conference earlier this month, Vice President Biden called for greater collaboration and transparency between cancer researchers, institutes, and all those affected by cancer in order to to accelerate the pace in which new treatments are identified.

"The Moonshot cannot be achieved by one person, one organization, one discipline, or even one collective approach," Vice President Biden said. "Solving the complexities of cancer will require the formation of new alliances to defy the bounds of innovation and accelerate the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and — ultimately — a cure. It's going to require millions of Americans speaking up and contributing what they're able. That's what the Cancer Moonshot Summit is all about."

Event Details:

White House Cancer Moonshot Summit, hosted by TargetCancer Foundation Wednesday, June 29, 2016 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CIC, 101 Main Street, Cambridge MA

About TargetCancer Foundation

<u>TargetCancer Foundation</u> is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation that promotes the development of lifesaving treatment protocols for rare cancers. TargetCancer Foundation directly supports initiatives at the forefront of cancer treatment by funding innovative research, fostering collaborations, and raising awareness among scientists, clinicians, and patients.

By granting seed funding to critical projects that otherwise would not be supported at their initial stages, TargetCancer Foundation supports young, courageous scientists who are committed to finding treatments for rare cancers, and, more broadly, all cancers. Since its founding in 2009, TargetCancer Foundation has provided over \$830,000 in rare cancer research grant funding, with a focus on cholangiocarcinoma and esophageal cancer.

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