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RE: On behalf of Barbara Kavanagh

AzMN is a member of the Arizona Cancer Coalition and has been the recipient of a grant issued by the Cancer Control Program. The mission was to implement a Tissue Donor Awareness Project. This was an awareness campaign of the tissue issue presented to cancer communities by using diverse focus groups that promoted understanding among myeloma and all cancer patients and caregivers, addressed concerns about donating tissue and listened to the community. Over 500 attended and more than 65 percent felt they were more likely to donate tissue if they had an opportunity to do so.

A poster demonstrating the Tissue Donor Awareness Project was presented on May 13, 2008 at the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Business Meeting. Future direction of this project is the Cancer Patient Advocacy Training which is a "train the trainer" concept. In addition, AzMN has held two annual conferences for patients and caregivers who are living with myeloma.

It is an honor to recommend Barbara for such a deserving award.

Sincerely,

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Arizona Cancer Control Program

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