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**Governor Katie Hobbs Declares November 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as Cancer Caregivers Week**

*State of Arizona recognizes the efforts of those caring for cancer patients professional and personally during this week; events and special educational offers to help available.*

**(PHOENIX, AZ)** – November 21, 2024. November is National Caregivers Month in the United States. It is a month to reflect on the important, and often thankless, role of those who treat and care for the sick and needy of this country. Oftentimes, those that need the most care are stricken with devastating diseases, such as cancer. With that in mind, Governor Katie Hobbs has worked with the Arizona Myeloma Network and their Cancer Caregivers of Education Program to declare the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> as “Cancer Caregivers Week” in Arizona.

“I have often said that an individual doesn’t get cancer: a family does,” said Arizona Myeloma Network founder Barbara Kavanagh. “For the last 17 years, our organization has proudly served as a resource for those loved ones who can become overwhelmed by their newfound role as caregiver. We are very thankful for the support from Governor Hobbs and hope to use this week as an opportunity to broaden our reach throughout Arizona and help more patients and their families.”

Caregiving is often a full-time job, with statistics showing that family caregivers spend an average of 40.5 hours per week caring for their loved one. Statistics also show that for every cancer diagnosis, there will be at least one new caregiver to care for that patient. With close to 40,000 new cases of cancer diagnosed in Arizona each year, that means that there are at least 40,000 new Arizona caregivers each year who sometimes need help in planning, coordinating, and treating their patient.

As part of the week, Barbara is hosting a free Caring for the Cancer Caregiver Seminar on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Cross in the Desert, UMC: 12835N.32nd St., Phoenix, AZ 85032 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. To register, go to <https://azmyelomanetwork.org/azcancer-caregivers-awareness-seminar/>.

**About Arizona Myeloma Network**

(AzMN®) is a nonprofit organization Founded in 2004, by Barbara and Jack Kavanagh that conducts cancer outreach events and education programs. Our mission is to promote collaboration, awareness, education and advocacy for improved treatment outcomes and quality

of life for multiple myeloma patients, their families and All cancer caregivers with special consideration for the underserved. Learn more at [azmyelomanetwork.org](http://azmyelomanetwork.org)

**About Cancer Caregivers of America**

Cancer Caregivers of America is an AzMN® program which was especially developed to provide the educational ‘tools’ and resources that build critical cancer caregiving skills, in the cancer patient, the cancer caregiver and family, as well as the cancer care professional. The Cancer Caregivers Education Program also promotes collaboration and understanding with the Scientific and Medical Community. Visit [cancercaregiversofAmerica.com](http://cancercaregiversofAmerica.com) for additional information on how to register for the program.