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Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, glassybaby Partner to Expand Nursing Scholarships Scholarships Named in Honor of Oncology Nurse Leader Following a 40-Year Career

SEATTLE – (December 13, 2016) – [Seattle Cancer Care Alliance \(SCCA\)](#) announced today that [glassybaby](#) has provided \$25,000 to support a newly named scholarship for SCCA nurses and oncology nurse students training at area universities and colleges. The Rosemary Ford Future of Oncology Nursing Scholarship has been created to honor Rosemary Ford’s 40-year legacy of nurturing the continuum of education in the nursing profession throughout SCCA.

Rosemary began her work at SCCA partner organization Fred Hutch as the nurse for Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Donnell Thomas, during the early years of the Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) program. There she helped to establish the standard for BMT nursing. Now her work and influence extend to the broader field of oncology nursing through continuing education.

“We are grateful to glassybaby for allowing us to reach and empower even more oncology nursing students of promise,” said Kathleen Shannon Dorcy, PhD, RN, Director of Clinical/Nursing Research, Education & Practice, at SCCA. “Their partnership will allow us to build on Rosemary’s legacy of lifelong learning and dedicated clinical excellence in cancer care in support of SCCA patients.”

The scholarships will support oncology nursing students at local colleges and universities, as well as SCCA nurses enrolled in advanced nursing programs. SCCA will award ten nursing scholarships on December 15, 2016 - three to SCCA nurses, and seven to students at five nursing schools across the Puget Sound region: [Seattle Pacific University](#), [Seattle University](#), [University of Washington](#), [Green River College](#) and [North Seattle College](#). Media are invited to attend the December 15 invitation-only event, taking place 4:30 – 6:30 PM on the SCCA campus.

“We are honored to partner with Seattle Cancer Care Alliance to expand its scholarship program for specialty oncology training,” said JP Liddle, glassybaby’s Vice President of Partnerships. “With thousands of grateful patients, family members and friends, we hold the work that nurses do at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance every day in the highest regard, all in support of the best possible outcomes for patients.”

The award builds on robust support received by SCCA from glassybaby, which totals more than \$100,000 since 2004. SCCA also has a signature glassybaby giving color, called [‘goodness.’](#) Glassybaby donates 10% of each sale of goodness votives to SCCA year-round. Proceeds support the Patient and Family Assistance fund at SCCA, which provides support beyond medical care to patients in need. SCCA’s retail stores, [Shine and Rain or Shine](#), sell glassybaby votives with proceeds supporting patient and family

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About Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

Seattle Cancer Care Alliance brings together the leading research teams and cancer specialists from Fred Hutch, Seattle Children's and UW Medicine – one extraordinary group whose sole purpose is the pursuit of better, longer, richer lives for our patients. Based in Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood, SCCA has six clinical care sites, including a medical oncology clinic at Evergreen Health in Kirkland, Washington; medical and radiation oncology clinics at UW Medicine/Northwest Hospital & Medical Center in Seattle, Washington, as well as Network affiliations with hospitals in six states. For more information about SCCA, visit seattlecca.org.

About glassybaby

glassybaby are one-of-a-kind hand blown glass votives and drinkers made by glassblowers in Berkeley CA and Seattle WA. glassybaby come in 400+ rich colors, each with a unique name and story. glassybaby was founded in 2001 by three-time cancer survivor Lee Rhodes. During her chemo treatments, Lee met patients who could not afford basic needs and when she founded glassybaby, it was with the core mission of helping to alleviate these struggles. The giving mission has since expanded to help people, animals, and the planet heal. To date, glassybaby has donated over \$5.6 million to more than 400 nonprofit organizations. [Learn more about glassybaby](#) and follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)

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