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ANTI-CANCER CHALLENGE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH AT THE UC IRVINE CHAO FAMILY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

ORANGE, CALIFORNIA– The UC Irvine Health Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center announces a new fundraising event the Anti-Cancer Challenge, to benefit cancer research. The inaugural event weekend will take place June 10 and 11, 2017 at the Angel Stadium in Anaheim, CA.

The event will bring together individuals and teams representing community groups, friends, families and companies for one common goal- to end cancer. The event weekend will begin Saturday, June 10, 2017 with a free Anti-Cancer Challenge Festival including live entertainment, a children's ride, stationary bike event, food from local vendors, craft beer and exhibits. Sunday June 11, 2017 will feature a cycling ride and run with a finish line festival.

Event proceeds will go directly to lifesaving cancer research at the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center. Proceeds from the CHOC Children's ride will go directly to cancer research at our pediatric affiliate, Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

Cancer may be more than 100 different diseases and UC Irvine Health specializes in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer in all its forms. The Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center is one of only 47 National Cancer Institute (NCI)- designated comprehensive cancer centers in the United States.

Event sponsors include Ambry Genetics, Hensel Phelps, Hyundai, Pfizer, Anaheim Ducks, FivePoint, Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, APX Sport Drink, Beacons Point, Brightview Landscape Design, Bristol-Myers Squibb, California Pizza Kitchen, The Cyclist, Full Psyche, Lynn Capouya Inc., PIMCO, Road Runner Sports, and Ruby's Diner.

Pre-race rallies

The Anti-Cancer Challenge will host two rally events. Rally events are free and open to the public to learn more about the Anti-Cancer Challenge Event, but registration is required. The first event will be held on March 4 at 11:00 a.m. at Full Psyche Studio at The Shops at Mission Viejo, Calif. Space is limited to participate in the stationary bike/ spin event.

The second rally event will be on Saturday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. at The Cyclist in Costa Mesa, Calif. A complimentary breakfast will be provided. Cyclists can enter to win a beach cruiser bike, attend a bike safety clinic, and enjoy a training ride hosted by The Cyclist. Run/ Walk participants can enter to win runner swag and attend a run hosted by Road Runner Sports.

For more information visit Anti-CancerChallenge.org

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About the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center:

The UC Irvine Health Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center is the only NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center in Orange County, which is the sixth most populous U.S. county and home to more than 1 percent of the nation's people. Now entering its 21st year, the center is a vital resource for the people of Orange County and surrounding areas for generation and dissemination of new knowledge about the causes, prevention, and treatment of cancer, training of the next generation of cancer providers and caregivers, and alleviation of the overall burden of cancer on our citizens.

UC Irvine Health comprises the clinical, medical education and research enterprises of the University of California, Irvine. Patients can access UC Irvine Health at physician offices throughout Orange County and at its main campus, UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange, Calif., a 417-bed acute care hospital that provides tertiary and quaternary care, ambulatory and specialty medical clinics, behavioral health and rehabilitation. U.S. News & World Report has listed it among America's Best Hospitals for 16 consecutive years. UC Irvine Medical Center features Orange County's only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, high-risk perinatal/neonatal program, Level I trauma center and Level II pediatric trauma center, and is the primary teaching hospital for UC Irvine School of Medicine. UC Irvine Health serves a region of more than 3 million people in Orange County, western Riverside County and southeast Los Angeles County.