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FORCE Announces 11th Annual Joining FORCEs Against Hereditary Cancer® Conference

Largest Gathering for Hereditary Cancer Community, October 18-20, 2018 in San Diego

Tampa, FL (June 5, 2018) – Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE), the nation’s only nonprofit organization dedicated to families facing hereditary breast, ovarian and related cancers, announces the 11th annual Joining FORCEs Against Hereditary Cancer® Conference, October 18-20, 2018 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.

This year’s program provides participants the opportunity to learn about the latest in hereditary cancer, to enroll in research and to connect with others facing similar circumstances. Attendees include individuals concerned about hereditary cancer: survivors, previvors, those with a BRCA, PALB2, PTEN or other mutation, or a family history of cancer. Patient advocates, researchers and health care providers who work with high-risk patients will also have a strong presence at the conference.

Leading experts will speak on wide-ranging topics including genetic counseling and testing, mastectomy for treatment and risk-reduction, managing menopause, and breast reconstruction. Additionally, the Conference will feature sessions and workshops on preventing and treating cancers in high-risk men, familial cancer research advances, treating hereditary breast, ovarian, and pancreatic cancers, and discussing hereditary cancer with children and family members, among others. The goal is to help people facing hereditary cancer make informed medical decisions.

FORCE founder Sue Friedman explains, “The Joining FORCEs Conference affords those affected by hereditary cancer the opportunity to learn about their medical options and participate in vital research. This gathering brings together survivors, high-risk individuals, and families to learn from experts and from one another. Most importantly, this event empowers men and women in their fight against hereditary cancers. We are excited that this year’s conference will be in San Diego, the first time we will be on the West Coast.”

For more information about the conference, including links for registration and a list of general sessions, workshops and speakers, please visit the FORCE website (www.facingourrisk.org/conference).

About FORCE

No one should have to face hereditary breast and ovarian cancer alone. FORCE is the voice of the HBOC community, providing support, education and awareness to help those facing hereditary breast, ovarian and related cancers know their healthcare options and make informed decisions. The organization is the de facto leader in guiding critical research and policy issues that impact the HBOC community. For more information about FORCE and hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, please visit www.facingourrisk.org.



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