



Advancing Cancer Care in America

### **Life Beyond Cancer Women's Retreat Calls for Applications**

**Houston, Texas (June 9, 2009)** — [Life Beyond Cancer](#) (LBC), an advocacy program of the [US Oncology Foundation](#), is calling for applications from cancer survivors, oncology nurses, social workers, oncologists, primary care physicians, and LBC alumni. The retreat, held Dec. 10 – 13 at the [Miraval](#) luxury resort in Catalina, Ariz., is offered at an extremely affordable cost thanks to many sponsors including Platinum Sponsor [Eisai](#), Gold Sponsors [Abraxis Oncology](#) and [Miraval](#) luxury resort, Silver Sponsor [James Lasker, MD](#), and contributor [BAG IT](#), but space is extremely limited. Deadline for [applications](#) is Sept. 15 (Aug. 15 for LBC alumni).

Celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Life Beyond Cancer is a 4-day women's retreat for cancer survivors and the oncology professionals who help them throughout their battle with cancer. The retreat focuses on advocacy and wellness during and after the cancer experience. In addition to a meaningful personal experience, participants learn through a variety of workshops, lectures and group activities to challenge and enable them to bring new advocacy programs to their communities upon returning home, or to support existing services and advocacy programs.

"Life Beyond Cancer is a life-altering experience that motivates women to get back out there in life, to challenge themselves to bring fruitful and promising new programs back to their communities in hopes of making someone else's journey through cancer that much easier," says Susie Leigh, cancer survivor and co-founder of Life Beyond Cancer.

"This special retreat offers women a chance to repair their souls, while inspiring them to improve the world around them," says Ann Wolford, executive director of the US Oncology Foundation. "It's also a chance for nurses, social workers and physicians to connect with the needs of patients on a new level, and come back to their jobs rested, inspired and full of fresh ideas on how to improve the lives of cancer patients and their families."

To apply for a space at the Life Beyond Cancer retreat, visit [www.usoncologyfoundation.org/lbc](http://www.usoncologyfoundation.org/lbc). Submission of an application does not guarantee an assigned slot. Selection to attend LBC is highly competitive as there are many more applicants than spaces available.

Life Beyond Cancer is made possible through the generosity of its sponsors. To sponsor the 2009 Life Beyond Cancer 10 year anniversary retreat, fill out the [sponsorship form](#) located on the [US Oncology Foundation](#) Web site.

For more information, contact Ann Wolford at 800-381-2637 or email [usoncology.foundation@usoncology.com](mailto:usoncology.foundation@usoncology.com).

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**About Life Beyond Cancer**

Founded in 1999 by oncologist Dr. Robert Brooks, oncology nurse PJ Haylock and cancer survivor Susie Leigh, Life Beyond Cancer is a 4-day retreat designed to help women who have battled cancer, and those who help women battle cancer, get back into their healthy minds to return to their communities to give back to others battling cancer. The advocacy efforts of Life Beyond Cancer have brought a multitude of programs and services to local communities across the nation to enhance and improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families. For more information, visit [www.usoncologyfoundation.org/lbc](http://www.usoncologyfoundation.org/lbc).

**About US Oncology Foundation**

Founded in September 2008, the US Oncology Foundation advances cancer care in local communities by removing barriers to prevention, education, early detection, treatment and survivorship. By working with other foundations and community organizations, the US Oncology Foundation can maximize emergency financial assistance dollars offered to patients for living expenses such as utilities, transportation, food and mortgage payments, and assists with cancer prevention programs to reduce incidence and mortality. For more information, visit [www.usoncologyfoundation.org](http://www.usoncologyfoundation.org).

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