

Non-Profit Seeks to Raise Funds to Support Young Adult Cancer Patients

NEW YORK, Sept. 23, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Stupid Cancer, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to support adolescents and young adults affected by cancer, will be hosting their annual gala, TOAST, at 7PM on October 23rd at SECOND in New York City. TOAST helps raise scholarship funds for Stupid Cancer's CancerCon, the largest and longest running conference for the adolescent and young adult community. CancerCon brings together young adult cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, supporters, nonprofits, and clinical partners for a weekend of support, empowerment and connection.

Stupid Cancer is the leader in the adolescent and young adult cancer space. Stupid Cancer advocates for the adolescent and young adult cancer population through its innovative, award-winning, and evidence-based programs and services. Each year, 77,000 young adults (ages 15-39) are diagnosed with cancer in the United States alone. That's one every eight minutes. "This neglected group faces age-specific challenges that most people don't consider when thinking about cancer treatment," Stupid Cancer CEO Alison Silberman says, "like infertility, loss of identity and independence, lack or loss of insurance, increased isolation, personal relationship issues, stalled career development - all of these affecting young adults who are already battling limited resources. And while survivorship rates have improved dramatically for pediatric and adult cancers, they have stagnated for young adults."

"Stupid Cancer offers a lifeline to the young adult cancer community by connecting them to age-appropriate resources and peers who get it," adds Stupid Cancer Board Co-Chair and young adult cancer survivor, Noah Zachary." Those resources include award-winning programs like CancerCon, social meetups for young adult cancer communities around the country, educational webinars on young adult-specific topics, and collaborative summits with partnering cancer centers.

This year's TOAST gala will feature The Museum of Stupid Cancer; guests will move through a series of exhibitions featuring personal objects from young adult cancer survivor's "histories" - personal items, art, videos, and music that were critical to their cancer journeys - and takes an intimate look at the adolescent and young adult cancer experience.

Tickets for Stupid Cancer's TOAST gala are \$150, with additional sponsorship opportunities available. Proceeds from the event will provide critical funding for patient scholarships for CancerCon, as well as continued patient support, advocacy, and education efforts. Ticket information is available: stupidcancertoast.org. For more information on Stupid Cancer, please visit www.stupidcancer.org.

About Stupid Cancer

Stupid Cancer is a certified 501(c)(3) organization committed to addressing inequalities of the adolescent and young adult cancer patient. Our charter is to ensure that the young adult cancer community is always aware of the age-appropriate support resources it needs to *Get Busy Living*. For more information on Stupid Cancer, please visit www.stupidcancer.org.