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THE CHEMOTHERAPY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES ITS 2022 INNOVATION GALA **New York City's Cancer Caregivers, Lifesavers, and Innovators are Celebrated With Broadway Flair**

NEW YORK, NY. Now in its 54th year, The Chemotherapy Foundation, a not-for-profit organization providing innovative cancer research projects with critical seed funding since 1968, held its 2022 Innovation Gala on November 10, 2022 at Guastavino's in Midtown Manhattan. The 2022 Innovation Gala celebrated New York City's Cancer Caregivers & Lifesavers and Innovators in Cancer Research.

Silvia C. Formenti, M.D., whose groundbreaking work has transformed the paradigm in radiation biology, accepted the **2022 Ezra Greenspan Award**. Her inspiring speech focused on both her mentors and protégés. Dr. Formenti applauded the world's cancer researchers, both past and present, for "making a difference by merging the lab with the clinic."

Robert A. Winn, M.D. received the **2022 Public Health and Service Award** for his mission in bringing the highest level of care to underserved and underrepresented patient populations. He accepted the award as a "call to action, in the spirit of The Chemotherapy Foundation", described by Dr. Winn, as a goal "to not only bridge the divide of the discovery and implementation of science, but to bring hope to our communities." Dr. Winn continued, "The impact of our science in the 21st Century will not just be about the new miracle drug—but how many lives were saved by it."

Chemotherapy Foundation Executive Director **Paola Muggia** commented, "The human side of cancer research is a huge part of how we battle it. Our **2022 Inspire NYC Award Honoree, Christian Hoff**, who was joined by his wife, Melissa, reminded me of this—by sharing their present cancer story and musical gifts, making this year's Gala profoundly meaningful."

TONY® and GRAMMY® Award-Winning entertainer and cancer care advocate **Christian Hoff** received this year's **Inspire NYC Award**. Christian and his wife, Melissa Hoff (a cancer survivor herself), filled Guastavino's grand hall with songs that resonated with the evening's message of hope and care.

The evening was emceed by Radio, TV Personality & Film Producer **Valerie Smaldone**, also a cancer survivor. All proceeds from the evening will advance innovative research in efforts to find a cure for cancer.

Continuing support from the public, business community, and the profession are vital to expand the range and reach of these essential programs and are tax deductible. Visit chemotherapyfoundation.org or call 212-213-9292 to learn more.

ABOUT THE CHEMOTHERAPY FOUNDATION

The Chemotherapy Foundation identifies, develops, and sustains emerging talent in oncology in the Tri-state area with a focus on funding translational and collaborative research projects that evolve into novel interventions for the prevention and treatment of cancer. They scout out and fund the most promising talent in oncology and support them for the time it takes for their ideas to translate from a spark to a real

breakthrough. The Foundation's legacy of success began in 1968 and continues to grow, powered by the community that has expanded to encompass 11 research institutions in the Tri-State area.

Recently, The Chemotherapy Foundation launched a newly reorganized Medical Advisory Council (MAC) chaired by Dr. William K. Oh. The vision for MAC was proposed by the late Franco M. Muggia, M.D., a giant in the field who was the longstanding Chair of the Foundation. The MAC is an opportunity to build a team of talented oncologists to lead and help define the Foundation's future research initiatives and leadership in the field. The Foundation is also a proud partner of the Biden Administration's Cancer Moonshot Initiative. Chemotherapyfoundation.org

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