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Community Health Charities fights America's deadliest diseases

Organization and partner nonprofits create Drive for a Cure fund to find cures for the leading causes of death in the United States.

Washington, DC (September 28, 2016) – Today, Community Health Charities announced the Drive for a Cure fund to address some of the leading causes of death in the U.S., including heart disease, cancer, respiratory issues, stroke, Alzheimer's, and diabetes.

"Approximately 77% of Americans suffer from at least one long-term health challenge," said Tom Bognanno, president and CEO, Community Health Charities. "These chronic diseases impact overall health and wellness, exacerbate mental health issues, and increase healthcare costs. That's why we brought together some of the top nonprofits working on these issues to focus on research and preventative care. Together, we can have a greater impact."

The Drive for a Cure fund supports leading charitable organizations including Alzheimer's Association, American Lung Association, Cancer Research Institute, Children's Heart Foundation, City of Hope, JDRF International, National Kidney Foundation and National Stroke Association. To learn more or support the fund, visit: http://corp.healthcharities.org/DriveForACure/ . The fund also has been included in 1,600 workplace giving campaigns across the country.

The launch of the Drive for a Cure fund is timely for October awareness months, including National Breast Cancer Awareness, Healthy Lung, National Health Education Week, Respiratory Care Week, and World Mental Health Day.

About Community Health Charities

For nearly 60 years, Community Health Charities has improved lives by promoting health and wellness, and uniting caring donors in the workplace with our network of the nation's most trusted health charities. Community Health Charities is the largest workplace giving collaborative focused on health and well-being. In the past three years, Community Health Charities has raised more than $330 million and has reached more than 17 million employees.

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