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**Community Cancer Care Receives Education Award from
Indiana Rural Health Association**

Indianapolis – Community Cancer Care, located in Indianapolis, recently received the 2004 Indiana Rural Health Association Education Award for their unique efforts in making an outstanding difference in rural health education. The award was presented at the 7th Annual Indiana Rural Health Association Conference held recently in French Lick, Indiana. The award was presented to William Dugan, Jr., MD, and Sara Edgerton, co-founders of Community Cancer Care, as well as their vice president and director of nursing, Susan Walker. “We were very excited to receive this award for our work with local Indiana hospital oncology clinics. Our mission when we started our company 21 years ago was to enable patients, no matter where they lived, to receive state-of-the-art cancer care close to home. Education at the local hospital level was one of the most important components in carrying out that vision. We are proud to be able to partner with hospitals throughout Indiana in cancer care,” says Community Cancer Care CEO, Sara Edgerton.

According to Edgerton, a major key to the success of this long-lasting outreach program is the local oncology nurse. All Community Cancer Care program nurses initially participate in an intensive five-week educational Oncology Nurse Training Course designed by Walker, which trains nurses from the ground up – including patient treatment, quality-of-life issues, and programmatic activities. This course is also an initial stepping stone for these nurses who wish to

pursue their Oncology Nursing Society certification – the gold standard in oncology. There are more than 100 oncology nurses who work within the Community Cancer Care program.

Quarterly continuing education courses are also designed and hosted by Community Cancer Care for all nurses and medical oncologists from their more than 20 participating partner hospitals. Speakers from across the country and the world are brought in to provide information about the latest cancer treatment and programmatic activities available. “In addition to educating the local nurses, we also hold monthly tumor board and regular cancer committee meetings in these communities so that the local physicians have the opportunity to stay abreast of what is taking place in oncology and earn continuing medical education credits. These physicians are another very important cog in the wheel of cancer care,” says Walker.

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