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**Los Angeles Resident and Pancreatic Cancer Survivor Receives
PanCAN's "Spirit of Hope Award"**

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. U.S.A. (Nov. 25, 2002)? The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) honored Los Angeles resident and pancreatic cancer survivor Charlotte Behrendt with its "Spirit of Hope Award." The PanCAN award honors the courage of pancreatic cancer patients and their families. The award also recognizes a pancreatic cancer survivor and the hope and inspiration this individual contributes to the fight against the disease. PanCAN is the first, national patient-based advocacy organization for the pancreatic cancer community, including patients, families, medical researchers and physicians.

"Charlotte is an inspiration to other pancreatic cancer patients," said Julie Fleshman, executive director, PanCAN. "It was her recommendation that encouraged PanCAN to organize support groups for pancreatic cancer patients. Today, PanCAN sponsors a support group for patients and their families at The Wellness Community --- West Los Angeles. The group will be used as a model for similar support groups across the country,"

About Pancreatic Cancer

Approximately 30,300 people in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year. Pancreatic cancer is the 4th leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. for men and women, and only 4 percent of patients survive beyond five years. The 99% mortality rate is the highest of any cancer. There is no cure or early detection methods and effective treatment options are extremely limited. Purple ribbons have become the symbol for the fight against pancreatic cancer.

About PanCAN

PanCAN is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1999 by surviving family members of individuals who died of pancreatic cancer. Chartered as a grassroots organization of advocacy for pancreatic cancer patients and their families, PanCAN currently has volunteers and members throughout the United States and around the world. PanCAN is the first, national public-benefit advocacy organization for the pancreatic cancer community. The organization works to focus national attention on the need to find a cure for pancreatic cancer, and provides public and professional education embracing the urgent need for more research, effective treatments, prevention programs and early detection methods. Visit www.pancan.org to obtain more information, e-mail info@pancan.org, or call 1-877-272-6226.

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