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**Seattle Resident Cynthia Stroum Receives PanCAN's "Shining Star Award"**

**EL SEGUNDO, Calif. U.S.A. (Nov. 25, 2002)?** The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) honored Seattle resident and volunteer Cynthia Stroum with its "Shining Star Award." Stroum received the award for making a difference in the lives of individuals and families dealing with pancreatic cancer. PanCAN is the first, national patient-based advocacy organization for the pancreatic cancer community, including patients, families, medical researchers and physicians.

Stroum's far-reaching volunteer efforts have helped to bring greater visibility to pancreatic cancer. In addition to raising critical funding for research to fund a cure, Stroum played an important role in helping to move PanCAN's legislative agenda through Congress. She also tirelessly speaks to families all over the country who are battling pancreatic cancer.

**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](http://www.pancan.org) to obtain more information, e-mail [info@pancan.org](mailto:info@pancan.org), or call 1-877-272-6226.

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