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NATIONAL LYMPHEDEMA NETWORK CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

BERKELEY, CA. The National Lymphedema Network (NLN) is proud to celebrate 2016 National Volunteer Week, honoring the many individuals who contribute in so many ways to its mission.

The Mission of the NLN is to create awareness of lymphedema through education and to promote and support the availability of quality medical treatment for all individuals at risk for or affected by lymphedema. Additionally, the NLN is dedicated to promoting Lymphology as a medical specialty, adopting standards acceptable to the United States medical profession for the training and certification of Lymphedema Therapists, securing adequate insurance coverage of proper treatment, expanding the number and geographical distribution of lymphedema treatment facilities and Certified Lymphedema Therapists, and promoting the future of research in lymphedema.

Standout NLN volunteers include:

Melvin Osborn: A lymphedema patient and NLN Lymphedema Ambassador from North Carolina whose community walks, fundraising, and advocacy have helped raise lymphedema awareness and received national recognition.

Amy Santiago: A lymphedema patient, Ms. Central Florida International, NLN Lymphedema Ambassador and Lymph Science Advocacy Program graduate who has shared her story to inspire many others nationally and internationally. This September, she will deliver one of the keynote addresses at the upcoming 2016 NLN International Conference.

Lucy Perdichizzi: A lymphedema patient and long-time NLN volunteer, Lucy has contributed her time and efforts to the NLN offices as well as previous NLN conferences, offering an immeasurable level of help and support to the organization.

National Volunteer month in the United States takes place in the month of April. This month is dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in our communities as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month. For more information about the National Lymphedema Network, and how to become more involved, visit us at www.lymphnet.org.

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