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Sharsheret Receives Next Stage Capacity Building Grant From the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles

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Los Angeles, California (July 18, 2023) – Sharsheret, the only national not-for-profit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of women and families of all Jewish backgrounds facing breast cancer and ovarian cancer, is pleased to announce that its California Regional Office was selected as a recipient of the Next Stage Grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles. Over the course of the next three years, this \$250,000 capacity-building grant will support the operational and internal capacity of Sharsheret in the Greater Los Angeles Area, enabling the growth of Sharsheret's programs and services. Funds will support the professional development of LA staff and the team's administrative infrastructure and will enable the hiring of another local member of the clinical team. Through this work, Sharsheret will increase the availability and escalate the implementation of services for Jewish breast cancer and ovarian cancer survivors, patients, caregivers, and individuals at higher genetic risk for breast or ovarian cancer in the Los Angeles area.

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Sharsheret's California Regional Office opened its doors in 2016 in order to expand our nationally-recognized mental health support services and community education to more people in Los Angeles and the West Coast. During the height of the pandemic and in the years since, and courtesy of grants from LA funding partners including Cedars-Sinai, The Change Reaction, and City of Hope, the local office has offered multiple pilot programs including nutrition coaching, financial subsidies for non-medical services, and wellness workshops which have allowed us to continue to grow and serve more people in our region. As Sharsheret's reach grows across the country, the Los Angeles region continues to serve as a key incubator for new programs and organizational expansion.

"As we celebrate Sharsheret's 7th year in Los Angeles, the generous support of The Foundation will allow us to meet the growing demand for our life-changing mental health support and financial assistance subsidies, and enable us to expand our lifesaving breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and cancer genetics educational programs" says Jenna Fields, Chief Regional Officer. Jessica Jablon, California Regional Director, further comments, "We are grateful for the recognition and support of The Foundation, and look forward to continued growth of Sharsheret as we address the increased needs in our local community."

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ABOUT SHARSHERET

Sharsheret, Hebrew for chain, a national cancer organization with five offices (California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey and New York), serves 250,000 women, families, health care professionals, community leaders and students in all 50 states. Sharsheret improves the lives of Jewish women and families living with or at increased genetic risk for breast or ovarian cancer through personalized support and saves lives through educational outreach.

While our expertise is in young women and Jewish families as related to breast cancer and ovarian cancer, Sharsheret programs serve all women and men.

As a premier organization for psychosocial support, Sharsheret is a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer in Young Women, works closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and participates in psychosocial research studies and evaluations with major cancer centers, including Georgetown University Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. Sharsheret is accredited by the Better Business Bureau and has earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for nine consecutive years.

What We Do

One-on-One Support for women and their families touched by breast cancer and ovarian cancer (all free, confidential and convenient), featuring:

- Online 24/7 Live Chat
- Mental Health Professionals
- Genetic Counselor
- Peer Support
- Customized Beauty Kits
- Busy Boxes for Children
- Specialized Programming for Women Living with Metastatic Cancer

- Financial Subsidies for Non-Medical Services
- Men's Educational Resources

Education and Outreach for women, men, families, and community and medical professionals

- Healthcare Webinars
- College Campus Programming
- Community Educational Seminars
- Cultural Competency Trainings
- Comprehensive Resource Booklet Series
- Community Action for Women and Men of all Ages
- B'nai Mitzvah Projects
- Team Sharsheret Races and Walks
- Young Professionals Circle
- Teal and Pink Shabbat
- Local Volunteer Opportunities

For more information and to get involved today, visit us online at www.sharsheret.org or call us at 866-474-2774. Tag us on Instagram @sharsheretofficial

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