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**The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Presents
Filmmaker Lila Javan with National Media Award**

**(Los Angeles, CA September 4, 2018)-** Each year, the world’s largest non-profit dedicated to fighting blood cancers, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), recognizes the outstanding efforts of print, radio, television and digital media professionals through its National Media Awards.

The LLS California Southland Chapter is thrilled to announce that filmmaker Lila Javan has been awarded the Dr. William Dameshek Award for inspiring Climb2Cure, a LLS fundraising initiative that enables volunteers to reach Everest Base Camp and Mt. Kilimanjaro while helping to raise funds to beat cancer. Javan, an acute myeloid leukemia (AML) survivor, set her sight on scaling Mt. Kilimanjaro during hospitalization for treatment. She chronicled her journey on social media and drew extensive coverage of her story from Southern California media. Javan currently serves as an Ambassador of the Climb2Cure program.

Award recipients not only strive for excellence in supporting and fundraising, but they’re also educating and informing the public of LLS and its mission - to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

“The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is at the forefront of cancer cures, and we’re honored to have the opportunity to work with talented and compassionate advocates such as Lila Javan,” says Shannon Sullivan, LLS California Southland Chapter Executive Director. “Together, we’re helping millions impacted by cancer.”

LLS acknowledges media across the country that promote public awareness by:

* Directly referencing LLS by name and its mission
* Sharing stories about specific patients and patient support groups
* Sharing information about LLS programs and services
* Sharing stories of LLS fundraising activities and events

Media categories include:

* Excellence in Print
* Excellence in Radio
* Excellence in Television
* Excellence in Digital Media

To learn how you can become part of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society family, contact LLS California Southland Chapter at 310-342-5800 or [www.lls.org/california-southland](http://www.lls.org/california-southland).

**About The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society® (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to fighting blood cancer. The LLS mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world, provides free information and support services, and is the voice for all blood cancer patients seeking access to quality, affordable, coordinated care.

Founded in 1949 and headquartered in Rye Brook, NY, LLS has chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more, visit www.LLS.org. Patients should contact the Information Resource Center at (800) 955-4572, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET.

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