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**The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Presents
Actor Charlie Schlatter 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 actor Charlie Schlatter has been awarded the Dr. William Dameshek Award for his outstanding work in raising funds and awareness as the 2018 Los Angeles Man of the Year. A well-known actor and celebrity, Schlatter shared his story as a survivor of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) with friends, fans and fellow entertainment professionals, and inspired hope via television interviews, podcasts, social media, and four live celebrity performances. The vulnerability in Charlie’s story moved his celebrity friends to join the fight, activating the support of Dick Van Dyke, Chris Sullivan, Judd Apatow, Melissa Gilbert, Sarah Gilbert, Steven Root and many more. Schlatter raised more than $340,000 during his campaign.

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 such talented and compassionate advocates such as Charlie Schlatter,” 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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