

Castle Rock woman campaigning to be named Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year

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Castle Rock resident Glynis Albright is campaigning to be named as the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), Rocky Mountain Chapter's 2011 Woman of the Year. She is among 10 Coloradoans competing in LLS's annual "Man & Woman of the Year" fundraising campaign. The individual man and woman who raise the most funds during the 10-week campaign will be awarded the title of Man & Woman of the Year.

Albright is a leukemia survivor and the CEO and founder of Just Sweet Enough, Inc. She states that she joined the campaign to be part of the crusade to help others.

"I have lost many friends from leukemia as well as struggled with the disease myself and am eager to do whatever I can to help to ensure that blood cancers become treatable and curable diseases," Albright said.

Albright hopes to raise a significant amount of money during her campaign to be used for research and support services for those battling blood cancers throughout the Rocky Mountain region. Funds raised through the campaign are invested by LLS in leading-edge research that investigates the causes of blood cancers and seeks better therapies. The funds are also

used to provide patients, their families and friends with blood cancer information and services to help them cope throughout their journey.

"Every four minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer and every 10 minutes someone dies from a blood cancer – these are not statistics that we like," said Rebecca Russell, executive director for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Rocky Mountain Chapter. "We are so pleased that Glynis has stepped up to help us change these statistics by raising money that will go directly to research to help us find cures for tomorrow and directly to patients in Colorado who are fighting these cancers today."

This year's other candidates include Denver residents Don Cooper, president of The Sales Heretic; Marnie Miller, founder and president of Miller Housing Advisors; Richard Rizzo, president of Puttin' on the Rizz; Casey Rosen, owner of Blush, Ltd.; and Reginald Quinn Washington, vice president of Blacktie Colorado; as well as Megan McEwan of Centennial, promotions assistant for K-LOVE radio; Creigh Kelley of Englewood, president of BKB, Ltd.; Kevin Wong of Highlands Ranch, managing

partner and director of business development at Consumer Liaison; and Catherine Matous of Golden, Golden High School student and daughter of Dr. Jeff Matous, medical director of the Rocky Mountain Blood and Marrow Transplant Program in Denver.

Candidates run for many reasons; they are often cancer survivors or they run in honor or memory of a loved one or acquaintance who has battled a blood cancer or in honor of patient survivors, the Boy & Girl of the Year. Broomfield's Addison Kleinhans, age six, and nine-year-old Grace Koontz, of Westminster, were named this year's Boy & Girl of the Year.

The Man & Woman of the Year will be named at the Grand Finale Gala which will be May 20, at the Denver Marriott City Center. Local winners will go on to compete nationally.

The 2011 Grand Finale committee is being chaired by Colorado philanthropists Cindy and Steve Farber and Tara and Kaily Smith along with their parents Iris and Michael Smith.

For more information about the Man & Woman of the Year campaign and to support the candidate's efforts, visit <http://www.mwoy.org/rm/> or contact Caitlin Selby at (303) 984-2110 ext. 16 or caitlin.selby@lls.org.

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