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Hope Light Recognizes Shawna Rhine of Southern Seven Health Department

St. Louis, Missouri, Monday, October 3, 2022. Rudy Bess, Founding Director, of The Hope Light Foundation presented the “Hope Light Award for Excellence in the Fight Against Cancer” to Shawna Rhine during the Ovarian Cancer "Learn and Live" Seminar at Shawnee Community College in Ullin, IL on September 29, 2022. The award recognized Shawna for her "demonstrated excellence and dedication to reducing the burden of ovarian and colorectal cancer (CRC) by working with FQHC's and hospital systems in the Southern Seven Health Department's rural and high risk for cancer communities by implementing ovarian cancer awareness and CRC screening programs".

Shawna is currently working in collaboration with The Hope Light Foundation to develop ovarian cancer awareness programs in the Talking Ovarian Cancer Project (TOCP) and with The Hope Light Foundation and University of Chicago Medicine to deploy CRC FluFIT screening programs in the Southern Seven Health Department counties in addition to her regular job assignments.

The Hope Light Award for Excellence is awarded to individuals who make significant contributions to and/or consistently demonstrates excellence in the fight against cancer that is considered above and beyond all norms and expectations for an individual's job assignment or voluntary service. To be eligible for the award, an individual must be a healthcare worker, cancer care specialist, cancer awareness advocate or cancer support volunteer currently providing service in a public health setting. Additionally, the individual must demonstrate excellent cancer related community health skills as evidenced by feedback from customers, patients, peers and colleagues.

The Hope Light Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity dedicated to the fight against cancer.

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The attached photo is available for media use: Pictured are Rudy Bess, Founding Director of The Hope Light Foundation and Shawna Rhine, Outreach Community Coordinator/Public Information Officer of the Southern Seven Health Department.

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