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**The Wellness Community Announces January Featured Stars**  
*Cervical Cancer Survivor Honors Her Caregivers*

**Washington, DC** - The Wellness Community (TWC) announced today that Tiffany McGuffee and Linda Carlyle will be featured as January's *Stars of the Month*. Both are being honored by Tennessee native Donna Owenby, a two-time cervical cancer survivor. Tiffany and Linda join more than 200 family members, friends, medical professionals, counselors and others who have been honored through The *Star Campaign*, a web-based effort ([www.starcampaign.org](http://www.starcampaign.org)) which enables people with cancer to honor and reflect on the caregivers who support them.

Donna was diagnosed in 1999 with cervical adenocarcinoma, a rare form of cervical cancer that is becoming more common in women born in the last 30 years. At the time, she was single mother to her 12 year-old daughter, Tiffany. Donna says her daughter participated in her physical and emotional care throughout her surgeries and treatment, and still managed to graduate from high school with honors.

"Much to my chagrin, she is about to graduate early from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Not bad, considering the doctors told me I wasn't likely to survive to see her graduate from high school," said Donna.

According to a survey conducted by TWC in May 2007, 58% of people affected cancer reported receiving assistance from 2 or more caregivers. Donna's first call after her diagnosis was to her big sister Linda. She drove Donna to appointments, surgeries, and treatments. Donna remembers dreading the first Christmas after her diagnosis.

"I found myself a single mom, with no income and growing debt from medical bills. Little did I know my sister had rallied her office to buy Christmas presents that year. We returned to our home after a Christmas dinner with family to find presents and food for the both of us. The love and tenderness of that Christmas is forever etched in my heart," said Donna.

On [www.starcampaign.org](http://www.starcampaign.org), people living with and beyond cancer can honor their *Stars* by completing a simple form about themselves and the person they are choosing to honor. All *Stars* are listed on the "Star Walk of Fame," which serves as a place to share inspirational stories of cancer caregiving. Visitors may also access caregiving resources, survey results, learn more about TWC's free support and education services and read about January's *Stars* at [www.starcampaign.org](http://www.starcampaign.org). The campaign is made possible by a generous charitable donation from GlaxoSmithKline Oncology.

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This month commemorates the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, an opportunity for medical professionals, activists and the media to shed light on the latest innovations in prevention and treatment methods of the human papilloma virus (HPV), an infection that causes cervical cancer in half a million women around the globe every year. To learn more about Cervical Cancer Awareness Month activities in your area, visit [www.thegcf.org](http://www.thegcf.org).

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### **About The Wellness Community®**

Founded in 1982, The Wellness Community is an international non-profit organization dedicated to providing free support, education and hope to people with cancer and their loved ones. Through participation in professionally-led support groups, educational workshops, nutrition and exercise programs, and stress-reduction classes, people affected by cancer learn vital skills that enable them to regain control, reduce isolation and restore hope regardless of the stage of their disease. The Wellness Community provides support, education and hope for people affected by cancer at over 100 locations worldwide including 24 U.S. based and 2 international centers with 73 satellite and off-site programs and online at [www.thewellnesscommunity.org](http://www.thewellnesscommunity.org).