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CCCA's Founder Susan Weiner Receives ASCO Award

Children's Cause staff and Board of Directors offers enthusiastic congratulations to our founder and president Susan L. Weiner, PhD, for her recognition by the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) as the recipient of this year's Partners in Progress Award.

Photo: Susan at ASCO with Former ASCO President and Current CCCA Board Member Michael Link, MD



The [Partners in Progress Award](#)

recognizes a person involved in patient advocacy activities that supports legislative efforts around research, treatment, prevention and care. Susan accepted the award and presented remarks on Monday at the ASCO Annual Meeting in Chicago.

In [an interview](#) with the *ASCO Daily News Evening Edition*, Susan was asked about the current state of childhood cancer care:

"Children continue to get superior, multidisciplinary care at most academic care centers, and now it's exciting that the genomic understanding of these diseases is beginning to fine-tune cancer therapies for children in these settings. Key problems remain, however, such as questions regarding reimbursement for what will be the skyrocketing cost of treating very small populations of children. Plus, families shoulder a tremendous and complex burden, as more care is delivered on an outpatient basis. Although it's always better for kids to be home than in the hospital, families require substantial support."

Asked about the most significant achievements in pediatric cancer advocacy since CCCA's founding in 1999, Susan said, "the community of childhood cancer groups is much more integrated and sophisticated than when we started the Children's Cause. Now, coalitions are able to apply more pressure nationally and at the grassroots level."

We thank Susan for her visionary leadership within this organization and in the broader cancer community. We are honored to be a part of her mission to achieve a future where every child with cancer can live a long and healthy life.



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