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## **The PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome (PHTS) Foundation Announces receipt of Russel Hill Cancer Foundation Grant Award**

**Huntsville, AL— 8/22/2018 — THE PTEN HAMARTOMA TUMOR SYNDROME FOUNDATION RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE RUSSEL HILL CANCER FOUNDATION FOR \$15,000.**

The PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome (PHTS) Foundation is pleased to announce it received a \$15,000 grant from The Russell Hill Cancer Foundation based in Huntsville, AL. These funds will support the continued development of our patient-powered registry for the PHTS patient community. The Natural History Study will better characterize PHTS complementing current clinical data and allowing the patient community the opportunity to participate in accelerating research forward. Kristin Anthony, PTEN Foundation President and Founder, states that “This is an incredible step forward giving our patients a voice and inviting them to participate directly in research.” Anthony also states among other advantages, “The patient-powered registry will help us identify gaps in care and develop International best practice and management guidelines.” Emily Davis with the Russel Hill Cancer foundation stated, “We are excited to work with the PTEN Foundation to help fulfill the organization’s mission.”

PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome (PHTS) is a thought to be under-diagnosed hereditary cancer syndrome putting affected patients at high risk of developing multiple types of cancer including breast, thyroid, kidney, colon, endometrial, and other benign issues. Some patients are affected by neurocognitive problems including Autism. The PTEN Foundation representatives believe the patient-powered registry will engage patients through education and outreach. Anthony remarked “it is critical to keep the patient as the top priority when working to develop therapies.” “We desire continued improvement of care guidelines and a treatment for our patients. This effort must involve a collaboration among researchers and the patient community.” We are thankful for The Russel Hill Cancer Foundation’s support, and also for the continued support of our Board of Directors and External Scientific Advisory Board.

The Russel Hill Cancer Foundation, founded in May of 2006, by a group of oncologists, local researchers, and interested citizens met to discuss ways of assisting cancer patients, their families, and the community. From this group meeting, the Russel Hill Cancer Foundation was formed. The Foundation is committed to improving the health of the cancer patients by supporting bold, innovative cancer research, education, and patient assistance. The Foundation

is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Grants are awarded through a competitive application and review process.

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The PTEN Hamartoma Tumor Syndrome (PHTS) Foundation is a 501C3 organization founded in December 2013 to support the PHTS patient community through programs and patient assistance, research initiatives, and education.

The Russell Hill Cancer Foundation of Huntsville, Alabama is a 501C3 organization committed to improving the health of cancer patients by supporting bold, innovative cancer research, education and patient assistance.

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