Stony Brook (N.Y.) Medicine has received two LIVESTRONG Community Impact Project grants totaling $23,270, including a grant for a trauma resiliency program for nurses and healthcare workers who work with cancer patients.

A second grant will provide a photography arts program for children with cancer.

A $10,675 grant will create the Vital Hearts Secondary Trauma Resiliency Program, which will allow Stony Brook University Cancer Center to care for its clinical staff and ensure they are mentally prepared for the daily rigors of caring for cancer patients.

"The ability to offer staff support in a safe, non-judgmental environment is vital to the staff's well-being," Jeannie Gaspard, RN, MSN, OCN, NEA-BC, interim associate director of cancer services, said in a news release.

"Nurses, social workers, physicians and clinical assistants are vital to the successful navigation of a cancer journey for the patient and their families."

Yusuf A, Hannun, MD, director of Stony Brook Cancer Center, vice dean for cancer medicine, and the Joel Strum Kenny Professor of Medicine at Stony Brook University, said the goal is for Stony Brook to grow the program and offer ongoing support sessions for healthcare staff.

Another grant, totaling $12,595, will allow the Cancer Center to provide the Pablove Shutterbugs pediatric photography arts program for children and teens with cancer.

Participants in the program will learn the principles and techniques of photography through lessons on composition, perspective and storytelling.

The grants were received as a result of national online voting from March 24 through April 11.

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