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**Outstanding Oncologist to be Honored during  
2017 American Cancer Society Imagine Ball**

**MEMPHIS, TN** – The American Cancer Society will host its annual Imagine Ball presented by Horseshoe Tunica and Tunica Roadhouse on Saturday, August 26, at the FedEx Event Center at Shelby Farms Park. Each year during the Imagine Ball, the Society recognizes the work, service and commitment of a special member of the American Cancer Society family. This year’s honoree will be Dr. Kurt Tauer, Chief of Staff at West Cancer Center.

“Dr. Tauer has dedicated the last 30 years to treating patients in the Mid-South with both compassionate care and the most innovative therapies available,” said Rola Obaji, Event Chair for the Imagine Ball. “He fights cancer on the front lines, right alongside his patients – every step of the way.”

Dr. Tauer serves as a Medical Oncologist at West Cancer Center, an Associate Professor for the Department of Hematology/Oncology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) and a board member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). At West Cancer Center, Dr. Tauer leads the Community Outreach initiatives, which provide a cohesive and comprehensive approach to eliminating barriers to care. In 2013, he was awarded Best Healthcare Provider by Memphis Business Journal. In addition, he has also served on the local board of directors for the American Cancer Society and on the executive committee of the Baptist Cancer Institute.

“Dr. Tauer not only advises his patients, but he guides the entire medical community,” said Obaji. “He empowers innovation, leads by example and gives colleagues a strong sense of purpose.”

Dr. Tauer graduated cum laude from Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, followed by a fellowship in Medical Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He began his affiliation with West Cancer Center in 1985.

**Photo 1 attached:** Dr. Kurt Tauer, senior partner and chief of staff of West Cancer Center, will be recognized as this year’s American Cancer Society Imagine Ball Honoree on August 26 at the FedEx Event Center at Shelby Farms Park.

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