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## Campaign Says Caregivers Deserve Star Treatment

(NAPSA)—For cancer patients and survivors, caregivers play a starring role, says actress Diahann Carroll, who has appeared on stage, film and television—most recently on the hit show “Grey’s Anatomy.” She is also a breast cancer survivor, who knows firsthand how important caregivers can be.

Carroll’s support for cancer survivors and their caregivers makes her an excellent spokesperson for The Wellness Community’s Star Campaign.

The public awareness campaign offers a way to honor family members, friends, health care professionals, social workers and others who provide support and care to cancer survivors. It enables those with cancer to go online to recognize and honor the galaxy of people—the Stars in their lives who have supported them through their cancer journey.

For this campaign, Carroll has honored her long-time friend Marilyn Mazzarulli as the Star in her life.

“Having battled breast cancer, I have directly experienced how vital it is to have the support of a caregiver like Marilyn while undergoing treatment,” said Carroll. “Caregivers take on so many roles—from emotional support, which I believe to be the most critical, to providing transportation and helping with meals and chores at home.”

But all of this support can come at a high price for the caregiver.

“While we as patients and survivors might not always see it, caregivers experience a great deal of stress,” said Carroll. “They help us cope and keep our focus on get-



**Diahann Carroll speaks about her caregiver at the Star Campaign press conference.**

ting well. We can’t thank them enough.”

On [www.starcampaign.org](http://www.starcampaign.org), cancer patients and survivors can honor their Stars by completing a form about the person they wish to honor.

Stars and patients will be listed on the “Star Walk of Fame,” which serves as a place to share personal stories about the importance of caregiving.

Visitors may also purchase a Star Campaign lapel pin for \$5 in support of cancer caregivers, access caregiving resources, and learn more about free support and education available for patients and caregivers at The Wellness Community.

For more information and to honor a Star in your life, visit [www.starcampaign.org](http://www.starcampaign.org).