



Cytokinetics and The ALS Association Renew Partnership to Advance the Fight Against ALS

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., and WASHINGTON, May 27, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (Nasdaq:CYTK) and The ALS Association today announced the continuation of their partnership in the fight against ALS. Cytokinetics is a sponsor of the 2020 ALS Roundtables and ALS Focus, a patient and caregiver led survey program to learn about individual experiences with ALS. Cytokinetics is also a Platinum Level Sponsor for initiatives led by The ALS Association Golden West Chapter, including grant funding for care services for people with ALS in the Bay Area.

"We are proud to continue our longstanding partnership with The ALS Association and The ALS Association Golden West Chapter," said Robert I. Blum, Cytokinetics' President and Chief Executive Officer. "During these especially difficult times, people with ALS and their families are confronting new challenges and concerns, and it is now more important than ever that we reinforce our commitment to those fighting ALS and our dedication to making a real difference in their lives."

In the past year, Cytokinetics led several initiatives with The ALS Association focused on better understanding the disease and its impact on patients and caregivers. In addition, Cytokinetics will participate in the 2020 ALS Roundtables, during which patients, caregivers, industry, researchers, insurers and clinicians convene to discuss various topics of importance to the ALS community.

As a supporter of initiatives led by The ALS Association Golden West Chapter for over 10 years, Cytokinetics employees participate in local fundraising and awareness events, including the Napa Valley Ride to Defeat ALS and the South Bay Walk to Defeat ALS. While certain events have shifted online, Cytokinetics is continuing its commitment to support the local community through active participation in these important events, regardless of their format.

"Cytokinetics has been a longstanding industry partner, and we value their alignment with our goals to improve awareness, education, public policy and access to care for the ALS community. We are grateful to have their steadfast support," said Calaneet Balas, President and CEO of The ALS Association.

"Now and always, we are especially grateful to Cytokinetics for their strong, ongoing partnership and support of our local events and initiatives," said Fred Fisher, MSW, LCSW, President and CEO of The ALS Association Golden West Chapter. "Every year the number of families facing ALS that the Golden West Chapter serves continues to grow, and we rely on supporters like Cytokinetics to help us provide critically-needed programs and services to benefit people living with ALS and their loved ones."

About ALS

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that afflicts approximately 16,000 people in the United States and a comparable number of patients in Europe. Approximately 5,000 new cases of ALS are diagnosed each year in the United States. The average life expectancy of an ALS patient is approximately three to five years after diagnosis and only approximately 10 percent of patients survive for more than 10 years. Death is usually due to respiratory failure because of diminished strength in the skeletal muscles responsible for breathing. Few treatment options exist for these patients, resulting in a high unmet need for new therapies to address functional deficits and disease progression.

About The ALS Association

The ALS Association is the only national nonprofit organization fighting ALS on every front. By leading the way in global research, providing assistance for people with ALS through a nationwide network of chapters, coordinating multidisciplinary care through certified clinical care centers, and fostering government partnerships, the Association builds hope and enhances quality of life while aggressively searching for new treatments and a cure. For more information about The ALS Association, visit our website at www.alsa.org.

About Cytokinetics

Cytokinetics is a late-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing first-in-class muscle activators and next-in-class muscle inhibitors as potential treatments for debilitating diseases in which muscle performance is compromised and/or declining. As a leader in muscle biology and the mechanics of muscle performance, the company is developing small molecule drug candidates specifically engineered to impact muscle function and contractility. Cytokinetics is collaborating with Amgen Inc. (Amgen) to develop *omecactiv mecarbil*, a novel cardiac muscle activator. *Omecactiv mecarbil* is the subject of an international clinical trials program in patients with heart failure including GALACTIC-HF and METEORIC-HF. Amgen holds an exclusive worldwide license to develop and commercialize *omecactiv mecarbil* with a sublicense held by Servier for commercialization in Europe and certain other countries. Cytokinetics is developing *reldesemtiv*, a fast skeletal muscle troponin activator (FSTA) for the potential treatment of ALS and other neuromuscular indications following conduct of FORTITUDE-ALS and other Phase 2 clinical trials. The company is considering potential advancement of *reldesemtiv* to Phase 3 pending ongoing regulatory interactions. Cytokinetics is collaborating with Astellas Pharma Inc. (Astellas) to research, develop and commercialize other novel mechanism skeletal sarcomere activators (not including FSTAs). Licenses held by Amgen and Astellas are subject to specified co-development and co-commercialization rights of Cytokinetics. Cytokinetics is also developing CK-274, a novel cardiac myosin inhibitor that company scientists discovered independent of its collaborations, for the potential treatment of hypertrophic cardiomyopathies. Cytokinetics continues its over 20-year history of pioneering innovation in muscle biology and related pharmacology focused to diseases of muscle dysfunction and conditions of muscle weakness.

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