SAN ANTONIO – Cancer survivors and healthcare providers are invited to explore diet, intimacy, spirituality, and more at the inaugural Women’s Survivorship Summit from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2015, at the Whitley Center at the Oblate School of Theology, with support from the San Antonio Breast Cancer Collaborative, a coalition that includes the Institute for Health Promotion Research at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Register here for the summit, which will feature free food, speakers, and cancer resources.

Dr. Virginia G. Kaklamani, leader of the breast cancer program at the Cancer Therapy and Research Center at the UT Health Science Center, will talk about the clinical and psychological challenges of being a cancer survivor and how to move ahead.

Other experts will cover healing foods and the impact of cancer on survivors’ mental health, personal relationships, spirituality, culture, and more.

“We’re excited to showcase relevant topics and resources that can really improve the quality of life of cancer survivors,” said Sandra San Miguel, summit co-chair and a researcher of Redes En Acción, a Latino cancer research network supported by the National Cancer Institute and led by the Institute for Health Promotion Research at the UT Health Science Center.

The summit, sponsored by the Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation (ABCF) and AstraZeneca, is the first event organized by the San Antonio Breast Cancer Collaborative, a coalition of groups developed by the ABCF to promote local cancer services and public education.

The collaborative includes the UT Health Science Center, Cancer Therapy and Research Center, the Breast Friends Forever Young Survivors support group led by San Miguel, Alamo City Cancer Council, National Inter-Organizational Collaborative (Indian and Asian Community), SLEW Wellness Center, Baptist Breast Center, the San Antonio affiliates of Susan G. Komen, American Cancer Society, and YWCA USA, and others.

For more information about the event, contact San Miguel at sanmiguels@uthscsa.edu or summit chair Sandi Stanford of ABCF at sandistanford@alamobreastcancer.org.

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