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William D. Smith of Capitol Financial Solutions Inducted to Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center's Citizen's Advisory Council

Raleigh, NC (November 2009) – Will Smith, Sales Manager at Capitol Financial Solutions in Raleigh, NC, is now a member of Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center's Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) which provides an important link between the Cancer Center and the general public. The Council's focus is education, advocacy, and support for the mission of the Cancer Center. In addition, Smith was honored with an invitation to the exclusive Shingleton Society's Awards and Dinner, which recognizes the "outstanding service and generosity" of individuals who are committed to the war against cancer.

"I am honored and feel privileged to be a part of the Duke Cancer Comprehensive Center and the Shingleton Society," said Will Smith, CLTC. "Everyone is touched by cancer at some point in their lives, so working towards a cure is something I am extremely passionate about."

Smith has been involved with Duke's Cancer Center for over three years supporting the institution that is internationally renowned for its cutting edge research and devotion to patient care and treatment. This past spring, Smith attended and participated in the Cancer Center's Board of Overseer's Conference in Durham, NC. The two-day event took place at the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club and was comprised of doctors, scientists, donors, advocates and survivors. Smith, a guest speaker, gave a 20 minute talk about his family's experience there (his father was treated at Duke), his thoughts on cancer, and his vision of personal commitment to the organization.

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About Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center

One of only 40 centers in the country designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) as a “comprehensive cancer center,” Duke combines cutting-edge research with compassionate care. Duke’s team of nationally recognized physicians and staff treat more than 7,000 new patients per year, giving them the extensive experience that yields better results. The Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center is ranked as one of the top 10 cancer hospitals in the country, according to U.S.News & World Report's "America's Best Hospitals" survey. For more information please visit www.cancer.duke.edu.