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## **Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses Announces Kaye Schmidt as winner of the 2018 Dr. Patricia Greene Leadership Award**

Chicago (Sep. 25, 2018): The Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON) has awarded this year's Dr. Patricia Greene Leadership Award to Kaye Schmidt, MA RN NEA-BC CPHON®. Schmidt was presented with this award at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual APHON Conference and Exhibit, held September 13-15, in Savannah, GA.

The Dr. Patricia Greene Leadership award is presented to an APHON member who has demonstrated excellence in service to and leadership of APHON in a given year. Schmidt has served at the committee member level as well as the leader of an APHON strategic committee. Schmidt recently completed her term as editor of *APHON Counts* after serving on the *APHON Counts* committee for a number of years as a column editor and then assistant editor. She was also a member of the steering council and has served as a contributing author to several of APHON's resources. Additionally, Schmidt has presented at several APHON conferences and webinar sessions. She recently assumed the role of president of the Dallas Ft. Worth chapter of APHON and continues to serve at both the local and national level.

APHON President Susie Burke, MA RN CPNP CPHON® shared, "Kaye has dedicated her career to advancing nursing care for children and adolescents with cancer and blood disorders. She is an inspirational leader who strives for excellence in all aspects of her work. As editor of APHON Counts, her high standards contributed to the continued success of the newsletter, always ensuring that the column articles were well-written, evidence-based, and relevant to current nursing practice. She is a true asset to the organization and so deserving of this award."

APHON is the professional organization for pediatric hematology/oncology nurses and other pediatric hematology/oncology healthcare professionals. Its members are dedicated to promoting optimal nursing care for children, adolescents and young adults with cancer and blood disorders, and their families. APHON provides the leadership and expertise to pediatric hematology/oncology nurses by defining and promoting the highest standards of practice and care to the pediatric, adolescent and young adult communities.

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