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AHNS Community Service Award Committee:

I hope this letter finds you all well. First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your ongoing efforts in supporting the head and neck cancer community. I also want to apologize for the late submission, as I only just discovered this opportunity at 9 AM today. I understand the deadline was last evening, but hope our (Atlanta Head & Neck Associates) submission can still be considered. Regardless, we truly appreciate the opportunity and are happy to know this exists for the coming years.

As we embark upon April, which marks Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Month, I wanted to ensure my organization takes the time to honor our patients, their caregivers, and the memory of those who have lost their battle with the disease. While I initially considered organizing a walk/run, I instead proposed hosting a butterfly release in honor of OHANCAW.

This event would primarily focus on head and neck cancer survivors, their caregivers, families of those who have lost their battle to the disease, and community members at high risk for the disease. Our vision is to create a meaningful experience that includes a butterfly release, patient/caregiver panel, free screenings, and educational material on the prevention of and risk factors associated with head and neck cancer. Our goal is to foster a sense of celebration, support, and awareness within our community.

The estimated cost for this event is approximately \$2,000, covering expenses such as food, sunscreen, butterflies, water, printed educational materials, and t-shirts. Given this initiative is in the initial stages of planning, we have not secured any additional funding for the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate any support or guidance your organization may be able to provide as we work toward bringing this event to fruition.

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