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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MEDIA ALERT

### **Frankly Speaking about New Discoveries in Cancer** *Free Educational Workshop for People Affected by Cancer*

**St. Louis, MO (September 23, 2009)** – The Wellness Community of Greater St. Louis will host a free workshop for people affected by cancer entitled: *Frankly Speaking About New Discoveries in Cancer*. This educational program will explore new discoveries in cancer treatment, side-effect management and psychosocial aspects of the illness. This free workshop will take place on **Wednesday, October 7, 2009** from **6:00-7:30 PM**. at **Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital** / 10 Barnes West Drive, Medical Office Building 2, Creve Coeur, MO. 63141.

"A recent report by the *Institute of Medicine* states that attending to the psychological and social needs of cancer patients is just as integral part of quality cancer care as attending to their medical needs" said **Charli Prather, Clinical Program Director for The Wellness Community**, "To address this need, Siteman Cancer Center has incorporated onsite programs with The Wellness Community as part of an ongoing collaboration to meet the psycho-social needs of their patients."

Advance registration is preferred, but walk-in attendees are welcome. To register, please call **314-238-2000** or Register Online at [www.wellnesscommunitystl.org](http://www.wellnesscommunitystl.org).

**Onsite Registration/Light dinner 5:30-6:00 PM**

#### **Featured presenters include:**

- **Dr. Tim Eberlein, Director of the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center and Surgeon-in-Chief at Barnes-Jewish Hospital**, is featured in this free workshop for cancer patients and their caregivers/family to help explain new discoveries in cancer treatment, and side-effect management.
- **Charli Prather, MSW, LCSW, and Clinical Program Director for The Wellness Community**, will discuss the psychosocial aspects of a cancer diagnosis.

*Frankly Speaking About New Discoveries in Cancer* is part of a *Frankly Speaking About Cancer* series, a collection of national cancer-related programs created by The Wellness Community. *Frankly Speaking About New Discoveries in Cancer* is made possible through an unrestricted educational grant from Genentech.



**ABOUT THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS**

The Wellness Community of Greater St. Louis is part of an international non-profit organization that provides support, education, and hope to people with cancer and their loved ones. Through participation in professionally led support groups, educational workshops and mind/body classes, people affected by cancer learn vital skills that enable them to regain control, reduce isolation and restore hope regardless of their stage of disease. Most importantly, The Wellness Community provides a home-like setting for people fighting cancer to connect with and learn from each other. At The Wellness Community, all programs are free of charge. For more information, go to [www.wellnesscommunitystl.org](http://www.wellnesscommunitystl.org)

**Editor's Note:** Reporters are welcome to attend the workshop, however, please contact us in advance if you are interested in bringing a photo/videographer or would like a facility tour.