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THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY PRESENTS ASK AN ATTORNEY SERIES

LAWYERS DONATE TIME TO HELP INFORM CANCER PATIENTS ABOUT LEGAL ISSUES

St. Louis, MO (2/3/09) – The Wellness Community of Greater St. Louis will host a free educational workshop series for cancer patients entitled “Ask an Attorney.” Local attorneys have donated their time to discuss issues that cancer patients face related to employment, health insurance, and dealing with creditors during a medical crisis. The hour and a half sessions will take place on **February 9th and February 26th at 6:00PM** at **The Wellness Community, 1058 Des Peres Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.**

To register, please call 314-238-2000 or visit www.wellnesscommunitystl.org

“After people receive a cancer diagnosis, there are so many issues to deal with...,” said **Laura Rossmann**, Executive Director of **The Wellness Community of Greater St. Louis**, “not the least of which, are issues of employment, health insurance and creditors as bills don’t stop and in fact increase greatly during cancer treatment. We are happy to be able to offer education on these issues due to the generous donation of time by local attorneys.”

Upcoming Ask an Attorney Workshops are:

➤ **How to Deal with Creditors During a Medical Crisis - RSVP**

When: Rescheduled Date: Monday, February 9th; 6:00 – 7:30 PM. TWC Board Chair Lenny Komen will be here to give us the benefit of his legal expertise on the subject of dealing with creditors during a medical crisis. Held at The Wellness Community.

➤ **Cancer in the Workplace: Navigating Employment & Insurance Issues - RSVP**

When: Thursday, February 26; 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Discuss issues related to employment and health insurance as a result of a cancer diagnosis. Ann Plunkett (attorney and President of *Workplace Partners*) and Claudia Abbott, insurance specialist, facilitate this discussion that will include employee rights under the ADA and FMLA. Held at The Wellness Community.

ABOUT THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

The Wellness Community of Greater St. Louis is part of an international non-profit organization dedicated to providing free 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.