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**THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF PHILADELPHIA'S
10TH ANNUAL "EVENING IN THE PARK" GALA
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008 FROM 7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.**

TV Journalist, Author and Breast Cancer Survivor Betty Rollin to be Honored

(PHILADELPHIA, PA) – Join **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** Friday evening, May 16, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for **TWCP's** 10th annual *Evening in the Park* gala/awards ceremony. **TWCP** anticipates 280 professionals, government officials, participants and others will see TV journalist, author and breast cancer survivor Betty Rollin* receive the *Medal of Inspiration*, **TWCP** participant/volunteer Carol Fisher* the *Medal of Courage*, and founding board member Jill Durovsik* the *Ridgeland Award*. Guests will enjoy fabulous food and cocktails with a beach theme by Catered Events, live music by Eddie Bruce Entertainment's *Miami*, and more, all to benefit **TWCP**. Taking place at **TWCP's** Suzanne Morgan Center at Ridgeland in Fairmount Park, the *Evening in the Park* presenting partner is MDS Pharma Services, the print sponsor is *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Daily News*, and the radio sponsor is B101 FM.

Senator Arlen Specter and Governor Edward G. Rendell are honorary co-chairs for the *Evening in the Park* along with Alixandra and Keith Morgan and Kim Thiboldeaux. Dinner co-chairs are Pia and Richard Halloran and Patty and Robert Isen. **Please call (215) 879-7733 for more information or visit twcp.org.**

Betty Rollin is a TV correspondent, accomplished author and a captivating speaker. A former correspondent for NBC News, she is also the author of seven books, including "First, You Cry," a moving story about her breast cancer and mastectomy. Published in 1976, it received wide critical acclaim and was made into a television movie starring Mary Tyler Moore. Her bestseller "Last Wish" deals with the suicide of her terminally ill mother. Her newest book, "Here's the Bright Side (of Failure, Fear, Cancer, Divorce and Other Bum Raps)," was published in April 2007. She will receive the *Medal of Inspiration* at the gala which is given to the corporation, foundation or individual for exemplary efforts to help people with cancer and their loved ones improve the quality of their lives by providing better resources for them.

Another highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the *Medal of Courage* award by Betty Rollin to **TWCP** participant Carol Fisher. Fisher, age 60, was born in Germantown in Philadelphia. In 1993, after having experienced periods of fatigue and depression, she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and was given a 15 to 25 percent chance of survival. She came to **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** in 1994 and joined a support group which she credits with helping her to learn how to ask for help and set priorities. She benefited as well from important information shared by group members, particularly in dealing with cancer treatment side effects. She has volunteered for **TWCP's** newcomer's orientation for the past 12 years, helping people to navigate their cancer journey oftentimes after a recent diagnosis. The *Medal of Courage* is given to **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** participant who embodies the spirit of hope in the face of cancer. This person serves as an inspiration in the struggle to understand the impact of cancer.

Jill Durovsik began to volunteer her services to **TWCP** in 1992 as a founding board member. She became an official member of the board soon after. In 1998, she was named co-chair of the board with Keith Morgan in an unusual power sharing role. She served on the international board of **The Wellness Community** beginning in 2000. In 2004, she became sole chair of the board. She held this position until recently when she was given perhaps her biggest role of all: chair of **The Wellness Community** Cancer Survivorship Research & Training Institute Council. In this capacity, she is helping to lead the national organization's newest project that will be based in Philadelphia. She has devoted many hours giving direction to **TWCP**, providing strategic guidance and serving on countless volunteer fundraising committees. The Jean C. Holler Contemplation Garden, named for Durovsik's mother, who lost her battle with lung cancer in 1986, is a peaceful respite from the world of illness, treatment, and healthcare appointments. The *Ridgeland Award* honors those who have made an extraordinary commitment on behalf of **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** to improve the lives of people with cancer and their loved ones. This award is being given for only the second time in **TWCP's** history.

The Wellness Community of Philadelphia is celebrating 15 years of free cancer support, education and hope in 2008. A special video to debut at the *Evening in the Park* gala will look back over the organization's history. It is being produced courtesy of Nancy Glass Productions. **Please call (215) 879-7733 or visit twcp.org for more information on The Wellness Community of Philadelphia's 10th annual *Evening in the Park*.**

The mission of **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia (TWCP)** is to help people affected by cancer enhance their health and well-being through participation in a free professional program of emotional support, education, and hope. **TWCP** offers programs at Ridgeland in Fairmount Park and limited off-site programs in Chester County, the Bux-Mont area, Hahnemann University Hospital, and throughout Philadelphia. Please call **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** at (215) 879-7733, (888) 819-3553, or visit **TWCP's** website at twcp.org for more information. Reminder: **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia's** grounds and buildings are smoke-free.