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**THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF PHILADELPHIA'S
11TH ANNUAL "EVENING IN THE PARK" GALA
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**Professor of Medicine and President, Abramson Family Cancer
Research Institute John H. Glick to be Honored**

(PHILADELPHIA, PA) – Join **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** Saturday evening, May 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for **TWCP's** 11th annual *Evening in the Park* celebration and awards ceremony. **TWCP** anticipates 275 professionals, government officials, cancer survivors and others will see Grant Bianchi*, Will Field*, and Kaitlin Tarte* receive the *Junior Philanthropy Award*, **TWCP** participant/volunteer Lisa Barsky*, the *Medal of Courage*, and professor of medicine and president, Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute, John H. Glick, MD*, the *Medal of Inspiration*. Guests will enjoy fabulous food by Culinary Concepts, cocktails, a "Hip Hop for Health" theme with disc jockeys from Cutting Edge Entertainment, Inc. and more, all to benefit **TWCP**. Taking place at **TWCP's** Suzanne Morgan Center at Ridgeland in Fairmount Park, the *Evening in the Park* print sponsor is *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Daily News*, and the radio sponsor is B101 FM.

Alixandra and Keith Morgan and Governor Edward G. Rendell are honorary co-chairs for the *Evening in the Park*, the evening co-chairs are Iliana Strauss and Maripeg Bruder, and the dinner co-chairs are Tisa Baena and Joanie Hall. **Please call (215) 879-7733 for more information or visit twcp.org.**

The *Junior Philanthropy Award* will be presented to 11-year-old friends Grant Bianchi, Will Field, and Kaitlin Tarte. These three dynamos have co-chaired the highly successful "Help Make it Happen!" mini golf event on behalf of **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** for the past two years. They have raised approximately \$74,000 to help provide free support, education and hope for people with cancer.

Says Bianchi: "I feel honored to be given the chance to receive this award along with Kaity and Will. I was just a player [and] I loved the event so much I wanted to get more involved. I was inspired to help people with cancer because I have lost three beloved grandparents (one I didn't even get to meet) from various types of cancer. Adds Field: "When I heard that I had the opportunity to help **The Wellness Community**, it was an obvious decision. I love to help people with any sicknesses (specifically cancer) and I knew that running the mini golf event would be a great way to help people in need. There are so many problems in the world and it is very

difficult to take care of all of them, but this is my way of helping people.” Finally, Tarte says "At first I wanted to chair the mini golf for **Wellness** because James (my brother) got to do it and it seemed like a lot of fun. But once I started working on it, I realized that it was a lot of work. I also realized that it was for a really important cause Now I like doing it because it makes me feel good. The *Junior Philanthropy Award* is given to a young person (or persons) for their civic responsibility, service and fundraising efforts to support people with cancer and their families.

Another highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the *Medal of Courage* to **TWCP** participant Lisa Barsky. Barsky, age 56, lives in Bala Cynwyd with her husband, Bill Blauvelt, whom she calls her co-survivor. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2004. Her treatment modalities included a mastectomy (with reconstruction), chemotherapy, radiation, and hormonal therapy. She has been surrounded by a supportive circle of family, friends, neighbors and, of course, **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia**. She came to **TWCP** because she wanted to join a support group but has participated in a wide variety of activities, including a breast cancer retreat, regular T'ai Chi classes, and the "Open Studio" art program. She now gives back by volunteering for monthly newcomer orientation meetings and doing speaking engagements on behalf of **TWCP**. 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.

John H. Glick, MD came to Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania in 1974 and immediately recognized the need for better cancer care and treatment in the area. In the last 30 years, he has transformed the landscape of cancer care on a local and national level. He was appointed director of the University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center in 1985 and under his leadership, Penn's cancer center, now renamed the Abramson Cancer Center, has been transformed into a research powerhouse, one with the elite NCI designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center. He has implemented a "cocoon of caring" approach to patient care. This Center integrates clinical care while emphasizing compassion and service excellence. He will receive the *Medal of Inspiration* 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. It will be presented to him by one of his former patients, **Wellness Community of Philadelphia** founder, Constance M. Carino, DNSc.

Please call (215) 879-7733 or visit twcp.org for more information on **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia's** 11th 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.