

**THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF PHILADELPHIA'S (TWCP)  
SEVENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF HOPE**

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**THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF PHILADELPHIA'S SEVENTH ANNUAL "CELEBRATION OF HOPE"  
EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AND  
"EVENING IN THE PARK" GALA FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2005**

**Conference Presenting Partner GlaxoSmithKline Oncology & Acute Care, Community Partner AstraZeneca  
Pharmaceuticals LP, and Speaker Sponsor Roche Laboratories Welcome Deforia Lane, Gary Papa, and Special  
Guest Mandy Patinkin**

**Gala, Sponsored by MDS Pharma Services, Honors TWCP participants  
Dominic & Carole Roberti as TWCP Helps Recognize National Cancer Survivors' Day**

(PHILADELPHIA, PA) – **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia (TWCP)** is recognizing National Cancer Survivors' Day (June 6) by providing over nine hours of activities certain to touch the lives of people with cancer and their loved ones across greater Philadelphia and beyond: its seventh annual "Celebration of Hope" and "Evening in the Park." On Friday, June 10th, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., the Fairmount Park-based cancer support organization will be holding a free educational conference for people with cancer and their loved ones (\$25.00 for health care professionals only) at The Hyatt at Penn's Landing and a gala later that evening at **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia**. This is the first time that the "Celebration of Hope" educational conference will be held away from **TWCP**, and The Hyatt, located at 201 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, provides a perfect setting.

The day's highlights include presentations by Deforia Lane, Gary Papa, and special guest Mandy Patinkin. Patinkin will also help out at the "Evening in the Park" by presenting the "Spirit of Hope" award to **TWCP** participants Dominic and Carole Roberti. The conference presenting partner is GlaxoSmithKline Oncology & Acute Care, community partner is AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, speaker sponsor is Roche Laboratories, and radio sponsor is B101 FM. The gala sponsor is MDS Pharma Services. Cancer survivors, health care professionals, and interested others are welcome to the conference. **Please call (215) 879-7733 for more information and/or to register, or [click here](#) to register on-line.**

**"Celebration of Hope"**

Registration and complimentary breakfast for the conference begin at 8:30 a.m. Morning speaker Deforia Lane will present "Music: Its Healing Effects on Body, Mind, and Spirit" at 9:45 a.m. She is the director of music therapy at University Hospitals of Cleveland Ireland Cancer Center and Rainbow Babies' and Children's Hospital. She will discuss music's impact on physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being and demonstrate the benefits as used in health care today.

At 11:00 a.m., **Gary Papa**, 6ABC Action News sports director, will speak about his journey as a prostate cancer survivor and will also share comments on his own recovery. Then, **TWCP** program director Kathleen Coyne, LCSW, will lead "On Surviving Cancer: A Panel Discussion" with **TWCP** participants.

**Actor/singer/prostate cancer survivor Mandy Patinkin** will present the keynote address, "A Personal Story of Cancer Survival," at 12:45 p.m. He has carved out a unique career on stage, in films, in the recording studio, and on television. He made his Broadway debut in 1980 and won a Tony Award for his role as Che in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Evita." He was also nominated for his starring role in the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical "Sunday in the Park with George." A few of his film credits include the comedy hit "The Princess Bride" ("Hello. My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die."), "Yentl," "Ragtime," and "Dick Tracy." His debut album, "Mandy Patinkin," was followed by "Dress Casual," "Experiment," "Oscar & Steve," "Mamaloshen," "Kidults," and "Mandy Patinkin Sings Sondheim." In 1995 he won an Emmy award for his performance in "Chicago Hope" and most recently starred in the Showtime series "Dead Like Me." Having been diagnosed with prostate cancer in March 2004, Patinkin will share his own story of recovery and the meaning of surviving cancer.

Afternoon workshops will begin at 1:45 p.m. Participants will be able to choose from the following:

**“A Medical Update on Prostate Cancer” with Guy Bernstein, MD**

Dr. Guy Bernstein will present new and novel treatment options for men diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is an assistant professor in urology at Jefferson Medical College and an attending physician in urology at Bryn Mawr Hospital, a part of the Main Line Health system. He is vice-chairman of the Main Line Health Institutional Review Board which has responsibility for over 600 clinical research trials.

**“Nutrition and Cancer Survivorship” with Debra DeMille, MS, RD**

Debra DeMille will present optimal nutrition information for cancer recovery and survivorship. She is a nutrition counselor at the Joan Karnell Cancer Center at Pennsylvania Hospital. She helps patients in individual or group settings on issues related to nutritional needs and appropriate diet changes required to support cancer treatment and minimize related side effects.

**“The Healing Power of the Mind” with Gabriel Rocco, MA**

The four healing powers are positive images, words, feelings, and beliefs. Gabriel Rocco will demonstrate ways to cultivate these qualities for emotional and physical well-being. He is the mind-body health specialist at **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** where he facilitates a variety of programs that integrate mind, body, and spirit.

**“Evening in the Park”**

The day concludes with an “Evening in the Park.” Over 400 VIPs, professionals, government officials, participants and others are anticipated for this gala and award ceremony that will feature live music and a festive atmosphere under a tent on **TWCP’s** beautiful grounds from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** is located at The Suzanne Morgan Center at Ridgeland, Chamounix Drive, West Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Honorary chairs for the “Evening in the Park” gala and award ceremony are Governor of Pennsylvania, The Honorable Edward G. Rendell, and vice president, GlaxoSmithKline Oncology & Acute Care, Kevin G. Lokay. Music will be provided by the Rhythm Bandits, elegant fare by the Frog Commissary, and event coordination by Arrangements Unlimited. Please call for information on ticket purchases.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the “Spirit of Hope” award by special guest Mandy Patinkin to **TWCP** participants Dominic and Carole Roberti. The Roberti’s embody the spirit of hope in the face of cancer – Dominic as a prostate cancer survivor and Carole as his caregiver and partner. They have both been weekly volunteers at **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia** and have encouraged many participants. Every year, the award recipients serve as an inspiration to all who struggle to understand the impact of cancer.

**The Wellness Community of Philadelphia’s** seventh annual “Celebration of Hope” and “Evening in the Park” will help people with cancer by providing cutting-edge information to improve the quality of their lives, emotional support, and hope as they are inspired by the day’s stories of survival. Most importantly, it is a celebration of survivorship for hundreds of people with cancer and their loved ones as they join together to recognize National Cancer Survivors’ Day.

**Note to editors:** If you are interested in a remote television broadcast and/or (advance) interview with Mandy Patinkin, please call Scott D. Bluebond at (215) 879-7733, or email him at [sbluebond@twcp.org](mailto:sbluebond@twcp.org). Thanks!

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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 offsite 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 Reminder: **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia's** grounds and buildings are smoke-free