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NEW INFORMATION ABOUT SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – April 13, 2005 – A new resource about small cell lung cancer (SCLC) is now available free of charge from The Wellness Community® (TWC), an international, non-profit dedicated to providing free support and education to people affected by any type of cancer.

A booklet entitled, *Frankly Speaking About Lung Cancer: A Special Focus on Small Cell Lung Cancer* offers key steps for a better understanding of SCLC so that people may maximize treatment options and make educated decisions about therapy. It also provides information on proactively managing side effects, including the emotional impact of cancer. The booklet incorporates the philosophy of The Wellness Community's Patient Active Concept, which states that "People with cancer who participate in their fight for recovery along with their health care team, rather than acting as hopeless, helpless, passive victims of the illness, will improve the quality of their lives and *may* enhance the possibility of recovery."

SCLC is a particularly aggressive form of lung cancer. Earlier this year it was announced that cancer is the number one killer in people under age 85, surpassing heart disease. Lung cancer causes more deaths annually than breast, prostate, and colon cancers *combined*.

The new booklet was created in conjunction with the release of the 2nd edition *Frankly Speaking About Lung Cancer* a comprehensive resource guide in partnership with CancerCare and the Lung Cancer Alliance. The new booklet about SCLC is made possible through an educational grant from GlaxoSmithKline Oncology.

To order a copy, please call 1-888-793-well (9355); send an email to info@thewellnesscommunity.org; or contact one of the 22 Wellness Communities around the country.

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ABOUT THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY

Celebrating its 23rd anniversary in June 2005, The Wellness Community® is an international, non-profit organization dedicated to providing free support and education as well as hope to people affected by cancer. Through participation in professionally-led support groups, educational workshops, nutrition and exercise programs, and mind/body classes, people affected by cancer learn vital skills that enable them to regain control, reduce isolation and restore hope regardless of the stage of their disease. Today, there are 22 Wellness Communities across the United States, five in development, 28 satellites, two centers abroad in Tokyo and Tel Aviv, and a community online at The Virtual Wellness Community. For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, please visit www.thewellnesscommunity.org