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DC CANCER CONSORTIUM HOSTS CELEBRATION FOR DISTRICT CANCER SURVIVORS

Washington, DC...August 24, 2009 – On Saturday, September 19th 2009, the DC Cancer Consortium will host a free *Cancer Survivor Jubilee* at United Medical Center from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. This celebration of area cancer survivors and their remarkable tenacity and spirit will run under the theme “Thriving After Cancer,” and will serve to raise awareness about cancer, survivorship and community resources to residents of DC, particularly those who reside in the Southeast quadrant of the city.

Susan Lowell Butler, DCCC Executive Director and a cancer survivor, said, “All too often, after treatment ends, survivors are left wondering, ‘Now what?’ and are not made aware of the importance of regular follow up visits to their doctor, possible warning signs that cancer has returned, healthy living habits that improve overall wellness, and stress management. The Jubilee is designed to educate and empower survivors in all of these areas.”

The DCCC will provide a free shuttle from the Southern Ave. Metro stop to the Jubilee, located at 1310 Southern Ave., SE, along with free refreshments, health information booths, a special presentation by Dr. Oscar Streeter, MD of Howard University Cancer Center, and an inspirational panel discussion by local cancer survivors.

A better life for survivors. One of the strategic aims of the DC Cancer Consortium is to improve the quality of life of DC cancer survivors. *A Cancer Survivor Jubilee: Thriving After Cancer* fulfills this goal by raising awareness, empowering cancer survivors to become self-advocates, eliminating cancer myths, and capturing the voices of cancer survivors to shape future support and outreach programs.

Barbara Shaffer, LS+CSW-C, OSW-C, Program Director of the Wellness Community-Greater Washington and DCCC Chair of the Survivorship event, said, “Participants will benefit for information from the many participating organizations in this event [see below]. We are very grateful, as well, for support from United Medical Center and their generosity in providing facilities for this event.”

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This event is sponsored by the DC Cancer Consortium, which funded by a grant from The DC City Council managed by the DC Department of Health. DCCC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the reduction of cancer in the District of Columbia through prevention, improved treatment and research.

Participating Organizations:

- Assembly of Petworth
- Community Health Care Project
- DC Cancer Consortium
- DC Department of Health
- DC Pediatric and Palliative Care Collaboration
- George Washington Cancer Institute
- Greater Washington Coalition for Cancer Survivors
- Greater Washington Partnership
- Healthcare Now!
- Howard University Cancer Center
- Nueva Vida
- People Before Profit
- United Medical Center/United Medical Center Foundation
- Washington Cancer Institute at Washington Hospital Center
- Wellness Community - Greater Washington

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