

**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**

**Actor/Singer/Cancer Survivor Mandy Patinkin Will Serve as Keynote Speaker and Award Presenter**

**WHAT:** Seventh annual "Celebration of Hope" educational conference on cancer survivorship and "Evening in the Park" gala and award ceremony. The Philadelphia-based cancer support organization will feature morning speakers Deforia Lane and Gary Papa. The afternoon keynote speaker will be actor, singer, and prostate cancer survivor Mandy Patinkin. Afternoon workshops on cancer survival will also be offered. Presenting partner: GlaxoSmithKline Oncology & Acute Care, Community partner: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, Speaker sponsor: Roche Laboratories, Radio sponsor: B101 FM and Gala sponsor: MDS Pharma Services.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 10, 2005

Conference: **8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Gala: **6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**WHERE:** "Celebration of Hope" -- **The Hyatt at Penn's Landing**, 201 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"Evening in the Park" -- **The Wellness Community of Philadelphia**, The Suzanne Morgan Center at Ridgeland, Chamounix Drive, West Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**"CELEBRATION OF HOPE" CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**

**8:30 a.m.** Registration and complimentary breakfast

**9:45 a.m.** Deforia Lane – "Music: Its Healing Effects on Body, Mind and Spirit"

**11:00 a.m.** Gary Papa speaks

**11:15 a.m.** TWCP program director Kathleen Coyne, LCSW, leads "On Surviving Cancer: A Panel Discussion"

**12:00 p.m.** Complimentary lunch

**12:45 p.m.** Mandy Patinkin delivers keynote address -- "A Personal Story of Cancer Survival" (Please note: At Mr. Patinkin's request, no still or video cameras will be permitted during his presentation.)

**1:45 p.m.** Afternoon workshops include Guy Bernstein, MD -- "A Medical Update on Prostate Cancer," Debra DeMille, MS, RD -- "Nutrition and Cancer Survivorship," and Gabriel Rocco, MA -- "The Healing Power of the Mind"

**"EVENING IN THE PARK" GALA DETAILS:**

TWCP anticipates 400 VIPs, professionals, government officials, participants, and others will attend this gala and award ceremony that will feature live music and a festive atmosphere on TWCP's beautiful grounds. The honorary chairs are The Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania, and Kevin G. Lokay, vice president, GlaxoSmithKline Oncology & Acute Care. TWCP participants Dominic and Carole Roberti will receive the "Spirit of Hope" award to be presented by special guest Mandy Patinkin at 7:45 p.m. Please call (215) 879-7733 for more information on how to purchase individual tickets.

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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.