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THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OFFERS HOPE IN LIGHT OF LUNG CANCER DIAGNOSIS

The Wellness Community's President and CEO available to discuss programs of support and education for people diagnosed with lung cancer

Background: Approximately 172,570 people in the United States will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2005. The Wellness Community provides people with lung cancer and their loved ones the opportunity to learn vital skills to become active and informed partners with their treatment teams.

The Wellness Community (www.thewellnesscommunity.org) is an international, non-profit organization dedicated to providing free support and education, as well as hope to people with cancer and their loved ones. 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. There are 22 Wellness Communities across the United States.

What: The Wellness Community (TWC) holds educational workshops that present proactive ways to improve the quality of life for those affected by lung cancer. TWC's education program, *Frankly Speaking About Lung Cancer*, empowers people with lung cancer in their journey and provides an opportunity for all those affected to learn the latest information about the disease and its treatment options. TWC also has information for those affected by non-small cell lung cancer, *Frankly Speaking about Lung Cancer: a Special Focus on Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer*.

Who: **Kim Thiboldeaux**, President and CEO of The Wellness Community

Interviews: Interviews with Ms. Thiboldeaux may be arranged by contacting Glynnis Breen at 202-887-0500, ext. 26. The Wellness Community media contact is Michelle Pollak, who is available at 202-659-9709.

Materials: For more information about *Frankly Speaking About Lung Cancer* and *Frankly Speaking about Lung Cancer: a Special Focus on Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer* or to receive the free booklets, please call The Wellness Community at 888-793-WELL or visit online at www.thewellnesscommunity.org.