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LAZAREX CANCER FOUNDATION SPONSORS FREE COMMUNITY PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING AT ALTA BATES SUMMIT MEDICAL CENTER

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On January 29, 2009, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center will hold a prostate cancer screening at their Summit Campus (3100 Summit Street, Oakland, CA, 94609). This community cancer screening is sponsored by Lazarex Cancer Foundation, a San Francisco Bay Area nonprofit dedicated to changing the face of cancer.

Each year, about 186,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and it will claim 39,500 lives. One in every six men during their lifetime will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. When prostate cancer is detected early it can be treated effectively, but early prostate cancer has no symptoms.

Most cases of prostate cancer occur in men older than 50 (over 40 for African-American men). Almost 80% of these cases are in men over 65. For unknown reasons, African-American men have the highest incidence of prostate cancer in the world. Their death rate from this disease is twice that of Caucasian men.

“The best defense is early detection,” says Leslie Paine, manager, Markstein Cancer Education and Prevention Services, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, “through two very simple tests: a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and a digital rectal exam of the prostate gland.”

This past year, Lazarex has helped end-stage patients successfully fight a variety of cancers, including breast, pancreatic and brain cancers, in addition to funding cancer screenings such as this one at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center. “We share a common goal with Markstein Services of stopping cancer in its tracks,” says Lazarex Cancer Foundation President Dana Dornsife, “and we are proud to be sponsoring this second in a series of three community cancer screenings at Markstein Cancer Education Services.”

In order to participate in this community prostate cancer screening, individuals must make an appointment for the morning of January 29 and meet several criteria, including:

- Not currently under care for any prostate condition
- Being unable to access routine medical screening exams
- Never before diagnosed with prostate cancer

- Have not had a prostate exam in the past 12 months AND

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- Are male and aged 40 to 70 years old OR
- Are male and aged 35 or over AND in the high-risk group including all African-American and Hispanic men and men with a history of prostate cancer in their family

This screening is free but you must make an appointment. To make an appointment, please contact the Markstein Cancer Education and Prevention Services of Alta Bates Summit Medical Center at 510.869.8833.

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About Lazarex Cancer Foundation

Lazarex Cancer Foundation provides resources for cancer patients who've been told they have no other options, but who are not yet done with their journey in life and refuse to give up now. We provide community outreach and patient advocacy services, as well as access to and financial assistance for FDA clinical trials. Lazarex Cancer Foundation builds a bridge to hope, life and dignity for cancer patients and their families and we believe that together we can change the face of cancer. To learn more, contact Lazarex Cancer Foundation at 925.820.4517 or visit www.lazarexfoundation.org.

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