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

DANVILLE, Calif., Feb. 19, 2009 – On March 5, 2009, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center will offer a free skin cancer screening at its Summit Campus, located at 3100 Summit Street, Oakland, CA, 94609. This community cancer screening is supported by a grant from Lazarex Cancer Foundation, a San Francisco Bay Area non-profit dedicated to changing the face of cancer.

With more than one million new cases of skin cancer being diagnosed each year, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. In 2009 alone, estimates are that more than 62,000 people will be diagnosed with melanoma, the most serious skin cancer, and about 8,500 will die from it.

“People can learn the early warnings signs and then check themselves and follow up on any unusual changes,” says Leslie Paine, manager, Markstein Cancer Education and Prevention Services, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center.

“Working with Markstein Cancer Services to bring this critical screening to the community, we are getting closer to our goal of changing the face of cancer by stopping cancer before it even starts,” says Lazarex Cancer Foundation President Dana Dornsife.

Individuals wishing to participate in the skin cancer screening must make an appointment by contacting 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 help patients with financial assistance to defray the costs associated with participation in FDA clinical trials. Additionally, we help patients navigate their clinical trial options and

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provide community education and outreach services. We build 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 us at 925.820.4517 or 877.866.9523 or visit lazarexfoundation.org.

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