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**The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation Receives Grant from
the Lance Armstrong Foundation for Survivorship Initiative**
Buildings and Bridges Program Receives \$100,000 Community Program Grant

New Brunswick, N.J., April 13, 2009 – Receiving a boost from one of the nation’s most highly recognized cancer foundations, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) will be able to expand a successful clinical program that meets the unique needs of cancer survivors. The Buildings and Bridges Program is being made possible by a \$100,000 Community Program grant from the Lance Armstrong Foundation, which seeks to inspire and empower people affected by cancer. The award was made recently to the CINJ Foundation. CINJ is a Center of Excellence of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Through peer-based training, the Buildings and Bridges Program enhances the capacity of nurses, social workers and other healthcare providers to meet the practical and emotional needs of cancer survivors. It is an extension of CINJ’s Center for Cancer Survivorship (CCS), a newly established entity serving as a focal point through which all survivorship research, clinical, educational, and advocacy efforts are coordinated.

The clinical component, the Bridge Program: Transitions for Adult Cancer Survivors, is led by advanced practice nurses who specialize in meeting the unique needs of cancer survivors who have completed treatment. Currently, the Bridge Program provides evaluation, support and health education to breast cancer patients and was recently expanded to meet the needs of prostate cancer patients.

Denalee O’Malley, MSW, is the supervising program development specialist for the CCS, who designed the Buildings and Bridges Program program. “The aim of this educational program is to build an understanding of cancer as a chronic disease that is survived, with ongoing practical and emotional impacts that can be managed. By educating health care workers we can be sure that we not only enhance the quality of care and resources available to survivors, but that we also increase community awareness about the ongoing challenges experienced through the different phases of survivorship. We are grateful to the Lance Armstrong Foundation for this support,” she stated.

The award period runs for two years. It is anticipated the curriculum will be offered to 200 healthcare workers throughout New Jersey, during that time.

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation raises funds to support cancer research, treatment, prevention and education programs at CINJ. Gifts are received from individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations, and through special events and planned gifts. To make a tax-deductible gift to New Jersey’s only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center call 732-235-8614 or visit www.cinjfoundation.org.

About The Cancer Institute of New Jersey

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (www.cinj.org) is the state’s first and only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, and is dedicated to improving the prevention, detection, treatment and care of patients with cancer. CINJ’s physician-scientists engage in translational research,

transforming their laboratory discoveries into clinical practice, quite literally bringing research to life. The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is a center of excellence of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Network is comprised of hospitals throughout the state and provides a mechanism to rapidly disseminate important discoveries into the community. Flagship Hospital: Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Major Clinical Research Affiliate Hospitals: Carol G. Simon Cancer Center at Morristown Memorial Hospital, Carol G. Simon Cancer Center at Overlook Hospital, and Jersey Shore University Medical Center. Affiliate Hospitals: Bayshore Community Hospital, CentraState Healthcare System, Cooper University Hospital*, JFK Medical Center, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton (CINJ at Hamilton), Saint Peter's University Hospital, Somerset Medical Center, Southern Ocean County Hospital, The University Hospital/UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School*, and University Medical Center at Princeton. *Academic Affiliate

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