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### **JFK Breast Center Hosts Cancer Survival Lecture**

#### **Breast Cancer Survivor Beverly Kirkhart Leads Journaling Workshop**

Edison, NJ: The Breast Center at JFK Medical Center will host a lecture, “Turning Setbacks into Comebacks,” and journaling workshop with Beverly Kirkhart, a cancer survivor, on September 18, 2006 from 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m. at the JFK Conference Center at 70 James Street in Edison. The lecture is free and open to the public.

“Beverly Kirkhart’s story is one of struggle and survival,” says Delores Koch, Director of the Breast Center at JFK. “Her inspirational message can touch many people – cancer patients, survivors and caregivers are all welcome to this event.” Kirkhart will be available to sign copies of her book, *My Healing Companion*, and lunch will be provided. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 732-321-7468.

After going through a divorce and bankruptcy, Kirkhart learned she had breast cancer and had to undergo chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She volunteered to tell her story at a seminar given by Jack Canfield, co-creator of the best-selling Chicken Soup series of inspirational books, and was later approached by Canfield to become a co-author on future editions of the book, and join his speaker's bureau – which began booking her for public events. Kirkhart has given speaking engagements across the country.

Staffed by licensed female technologists, a registered nurse navigator and board-certified radiologists, JFK Medical Center's Breast Center provides comprehensive screening services – film/screen and digital mammography, ultrasound and stereotactic biopsy – to detect and diagnose breast cancer. Accredited by the American College of Radiology and certified by the Food and Drug Administration, the Breast Center accepts physician referrals, as well as self- referrals if patients meet the American Cancer Society guidelines for age and family history. Educational materials and instruction in breast self-examination are provided. Bone density testing is also offered to women and men for osteoporosis evaluation. For more information, please call (732) 205-1417.

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