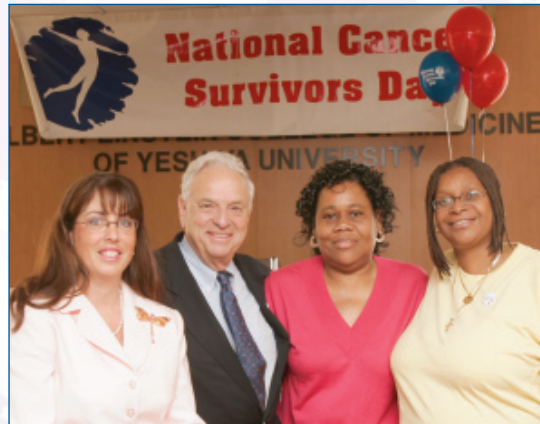




National Cancer Survivors' Day at Einstein Offers Inspiration and Support



On Sunday, June 11, approximately 360 cancer survivors and their family members attended the annual National Cancer Survivors' Day celebration, held in the Lubin Cafeteria at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The special event featured an inspirational presentation by guest speaker Sherry Waldrip, a cancer survivor from Washington State who also is author of "I Don't Remember Signing Up for Cancer," as well as an exhibit of selected artwork from entries in the 2004 Lilly Oncology on Canvas: Expressions of a Cancer Journey, an international competition and exhibition that has traveled the world.

Dr. Irwin R. Merkatz, Chair and Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Women's Health at Einstein, welcomed everyone to the event while also sharing his own experience as a two-time cancer survivor. "Dr. Merkatz was truly inspiring," said Una Hopkins, the event organizer and an oncology nurse practitioner. "He put a new face on cancer and survivorship, demon-

strating that health care providers are not immune to the disease.

In addition, cancer survivors shared their stories with one another, and Theresa Rodriguez, a member of the oncology billing staff, sang "Unwritten." Attendees also had a chance at winning some 20 items donated by local businesses from the Bronx community, which were raffled off during the event. The event was supported by a \$5,000 grant from Roche.

"Thanks to the support we received and the tireless efforts of our nurses and psychosocial staff, who volunteered their time, this year's Survivors' Day was another tremendous success," said Ms. Hopkins. ■

