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PHILLIPS BETH ISRAEL SCHOOL OF NURSING NAMES
ROBIN GLAZER AND THE CREATIVE CENTER: Arts in Healthcare
AS 2009 ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

February 6, 2009 -- Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing has named painter and printmaker Robin Glazer and The Creative Center: Arts in Healthcare, which she directs, as its 2009 Artist-in-Residence (AIR), a program that gives artists and nursing students the opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of the interaction between the science and art of caring for people.

A cancer survivor and former art teacher in New York City schools, Ms. Glazer has been associated with The Creative Center since its founding in 1994. The Center is a community of cancer patients, survivors, artists, friends and supporters who are dedicated to bringing creative arts to people living with cancer and other chronic illnesses.

This year's AIR project is entitled "Enhancing Clinical Care through the Arts." The project will use experiences with the arts to improve nursing students' visual acumen, according to Dean Janet Mackin, RN, EdD.

Twenty interested students will be invited to participate in the project and will meet with Ms. Glazer for four 2-hour sessions in February and March. Some sessions will take place at the Museum of Modern Art. Pre- and post-tests will be used to assess the impact of the experience. This project replicates a study done with medical students at Yale University. The result of the Phillips Beth Israel study will be presented to the entire student body before the end of the semester.

Last December Ms. Glazer and Joan Max Reinmuth, RN, a former radiation mammography nurse who is also an artist, conducted a workshop on jewelry-making for the benefit of Phillips Beth Israel staff. "The workshop was like a breath of fresh air," said Dr. Mackin. "It showed how therapeutic art can be as a stress-reliever. Everyone who participated enjoyed the experience and we hope our new AIR project with Robin and The Creative Center will enhance the learning experience of our students."

The Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing's Artist-in-Residence program began in 2006. Previous Phillips Beth Israel Artists-in-Residence are playwrights Barbara Hammond and Jim Mandler, and photographer Annabel Clark.