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**Fifth Annual GW Cancer Gala to Honor Leaders in the Fight Against Cancer and Raise Funds
for Cancer and Programs in the DC Community**

WASHINGTON— The GW Cancer Institute Gala honors leaders in the fight against cancer and raises funds for critical cancer programs in the DC metropolitan area, such as free prostate cancer screenings and the GW Mammovan. DC has the highest cancer rate in the nation, and GW Cancer Institute has a pivotal role in addressing this through crucial community outreach, superior clinical services, groundbreaking research, innovative academic programs and vital policy work.

When: 6 pm—Saturday, May 3, 2008

What: Reception, Silent Auction, Dinner, and Awards Ceremony

Where: National Building Museum
401 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 (Judiciary Square Metro)

Who: **Principal Benefactors:** Dr. and Mrs. Cyrus Katzen and Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Katzen

Honorees include:

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Cancer survivor and Nobel Peace Prize Winner

Margaret Foti, PhD, CEO of the American Association for Cancer Research

Sean Swarner, two-time cancer survivor and founder of Cancer Climber Association

Robert Siegel, MD, GW director of Hematology and Oncology, and **Paula Siegel, RN**, GW Oncology Nurse

Gala Co-Chairs: Diane Robinson Knapp and Kimberly D. Russo, associate administrator at GW Hospital

Honorary Gala Co-Chairmen:

GW President Steven Knapp

John F. Williams, MD, EdD, MPH, provost and vice president of Health Affairs

Entertainment: Oleta Adams, Grammy Award Nominee

***For more information about the 2008 GW Cancer Gala, please contact Sandra Cushner at 202-994-8391.**

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