

Foundation Funds Palliative Care Program

The palliative care program at Overlook has received a generous grant from the Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation. The foundation, which supports arts, education, human needs and Jewish causes, has generously committed \$25,000 to fund Literature and Medicine: a Community Dialogue.

This new community-based program offered by Palliative Care is a ‘book club’ with a medical twist. The genres of literary works selected are evocative of wellness and illness, life and death and everything in between.

“We hope Literature and Medicine will support better understanding and insight into the realities of patients, families and clinicians, so that compassionate and ethical care will continue and flourish at the end of life,” observed Nancy Gross, palliative care community liaison and book club facilitator. The literature and medicine program meets monthly through January 2008.