Book compilation features several local talent

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Kathi Edelson Wolder, of Clark, N.J., is one of 67 authors, several of whom are N.J. locals that have contributed stories to the book compilation entitled "Surviving Cancer: Our Voices & Choices."

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We did it! 67 authors, all involved with cancer, came together to write "Surviving Cancer: Our Voices & Choices," the guide for anyone who has just been told "You may have cancer".

The book is also directed to each patient's family, friends and caretakers. Vital information is given by experts: doctors, oncologists, survivors and all the health care professionals who one would find on "a professional cancer team". Dr. Kathleen Toomey presents the concept of a "medical team" in a lead article and members on our team are introduced throughout the book.

According to Kevin R. Fox, MD, the Medical Director at Rena Rowan Breast Center, located at the Abramson Cancer Center, P.A., said, "Marion Behr has assembled a wonderful collection of pieces that represent a true "collaboration" among many voices, all of whom have a stake in the treatment of breast cancer. The juxtaposition of these voices is unique to this book, and gives the book an alluring rhythm, wherein patient experiences, written from many points of view, stand in counterpoint to reasoned and authoritative medical commentary from health care professionals whose viewpoints are no less varied. As a result, there is something for everyone here--patient, spouse, sibling, child, doctor, nurse--any interested party will find something of interest, and will find it thoughtfully and well-written, regardless of style. The personal pieces are heartfelt, and more importantly, the thoughts submitted by health professionals are superbly crafted, accurate, and at times deeply personal. The book stands as a reflection and a reminder of the tremendous privilege we have as health care professionals in our daily work."

The doctor authors are all highly qualified in the fields in which they write i.e. various branches of medicine including primary care, oncology, reconstruction surgery, and radiology A Nobel Prize Laureate and doctor who received the Order of Canada are among those who graciously contributed. Our foreword is by the head of cancer research at the Hebrew University.

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Please read the foreword and the endorsements shown on the Website by prominent cancer specialists. Our Web site, which describes the book in far more detail both textually and visually can be reached by clicking here.

Please help us reach out to help others. 20 percent of the profits will go to helping cancer causes.