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**TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE AND HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL  
PARTNER TO LAUNCH NEW PROGRAM PROVIDING  
COMPLIMENTARY ONCOLOGY TREATMENTS**

**LAUREL, Md. (May 14, 2008)** – Tai Sophia Institute, in partnership with Howard County General Hospital and the hospital's Claudia Mayer Cancer Resource Center (CMCRC), has established an oncology treatment program that offers complimentary acupuncture and movement classes to individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer but do not have the financial resources to seek treatment.

Qualified patients will be referred to the Tai Sophia program through the CMCRC. Physicians may refer qualified patients by sending them to the CMCRC along with a recommendation that they be enrolled in the Tai Sophia treatment program.

Movement classes, designed specifically for cancer patients, including T'ai Chi Chih® and yoga, will be held at the Institute and consist of six one-hour sessions. Treatment providers are on staff at the Tai Sophia Clinical Services Centre and have existing experience working with medically fragile patients.

In addition to providing need-based care, the goals of the program include providing opportunities for students in the clinical portion of Tai Sophia's Master of Acupuncture program to observe licensed practitioners and learn about the treatment of patients who have been diagnosed and are living with cancer; surveying patients in order to determine possible benefits of treatment; and building relationships between Howard County General Hospital and Tai Sophia Institute.

For more information about this program, call 410-740-5858. For more information about Tai Sophia Institute, visit [www.tai.edu](http://www.tai.edu) or call 410-888-9048.

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**ABOUT TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE**

Tai Sophia Institute is the preeminent institution for wellness-based education, client care, and public policy discourse. Founded in 1975 as a small healing arts clinic, the Institute has evolved into a diverse resource providing competitive academic programs and institutional partnerships. Tai Sophia is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and offers three graduate degrees in Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, and Applied Healing Arts. The Master of

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Acupuncture program was the first training program to be accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in the United States. In addition to the graduate curriculum, Tai Sophia offers continuing education, community wellness programs, and clinical services in acupuncture and herbal medicine. The Institute's faculty, staff, and students donate more than 15,000 community service hours to a variety of projects, and its practitioners provide more than 35,500 treatments and consultations yearly. The Institute empowers wellness leaders, business executives and communities to learn the art of caring for and serving one another. Its 12-acre main campus houses a bookstore, library, herb and meditation gardens. Tai Sophia Institute is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

#### **ABOUT CLAUDIA MAYER CANCER RESOURCE CENTER**

The Claudia Mayer Cancer Resource Center at Howard County General Hospital offers hope and support to cancer patients and their families and care givers. The Center is designed to assist individuals and families through counseling, stress and symptom management, care planning, system navigation, education, aesthetic services and resource identification. We connect persons diagnosed with cancer, and their families, with essential community, state and national resources.

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