

Press Release

Zinzi Christmas Party Gives On Three Fronts

Restaurant & Nightclub Industry Fundraiser Donates 34K to Local, National & International Charities

Washington, January 25, 2005—The Zinzi Christmas Party, an annual holiday event hosted by representatives of the local restaurant and nightclub industry has once again raised over \$30,000 for charity. In addition to regular recipients, Saint Ann's Infant & Maternity Home and Children's National Medical Center (CNMC), donations were made to the International Center for Religion & Diplomacy; and the International Red Cross (for tsunami relief). A contribution is also planned for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"Last year's [\$15,000] donation enabled us to remodel the boys bathroom in Guardian Angel Unit, and now we'll be able to do the same for the girls' bathroom in the Saint Vincent Unit this year!" said Sister Josephine Murphy, administrator of Saint Ann's Infant & Maternity Home, who will retire this July after 17 years of service. The Saint Vincent Unit is utilized by pregnant girls and young mothers in transition. "After we redid the first wing bathroom, I realized that we'd soon have to do the second wing [Saint Vincent]. I had no idea how we were going to pay for this, so I prayed, and my prayers were answered," she added.

"The impact of any donation that comes through the Consumer Support Services Department is great because we can help so many families." said Terry Orzechowski, CNMC's Director of Volunteer Services & Consumer Support as she accepted the \$15,000 check on behalf of the hospital.

The Zinzi Christmas Party raised another \$4,000 by raffling a Pagsta motor scooter generously donated by party patron, Andy Gold. Proceeds from this giveaway were allocated for CNMC's Department of Hematology-Oncology (DHO), whereby the DHO has availed the special needs of many patients.

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The Zinzi Christmas Party

The Zinzi Christmas Party, which began in 1987 in the suburban Washington home of Frank Zinzi, Sr. and his sons Frank, Jr. and Chris, has evolved from a casual holiday get-together into an invitation-only, black-tie, ballroom event. Each year the Zinzi staff sets as its goal "...to always beat the previous year," and designates two charities as beneficiaries, with proceeds to be split equally by the two. Past recipients have included the American Cancer Society and (in the wake of September 11th) the Pentagon Assistance Fund.

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