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Press Release

ZCP 2009 Raises Record \$42K

The defacto bartender's ball donates \$20,000 apiece to St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home and Children's Hospital, plus has pledged additional \$2,000 to the American Red Cross for Haitian Earthquake Relief.

Washington, January 26, 2010: The Zinzi family (Frank Sr., Frank, Jr. and Chris) presented a \$20,000 check to St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home courtesy of the Zinzi Christmas Party. According to Sister Mary Bader, Director of Support Services, this donation will [likely] be put towards the new HVAC, which directly impacts the care of the children and teen mothers. "Oh my goodness, and this was a *bad* year!" said a joyful Lisa Sheehan, Director of Development (referring to the economy). "This money is definitely going to help us!" she added. St. Ann's will be marking its 150th Anniversary later this year.

Terry Orzechowski, Executive Director of Volunteer Services for Children's National Medical Center (CNMC), was thrilled receiving the \$20,000 check that was specifically designated for the programs within her department. The primary program is Dr. Bear's Closet, which covers the basic necessities of families while staying at CNMC. Basic necessities include food items such as snacks, coffee and tea; or laundry items such as detergent.

Due to the recent devastation in Haiti, the remaining \$2000 in proceeds from ZCP 2009 will go to the American Red Cross for earthquake relief.

The Zinzi Christmas Party, an annual event largely sponsored by the local restaurant and nightclub industry, has raised thousands for charity. Each year the Zinzi staff sets its fundraising goal for the designated charities, and the proceeds are split between them. In addition to St. Ann's, CNMC and St. Jude, past beneficiaries include Bush-Clinton Katrina Relief, the American Cancer Society, and (in the wake of September 11th) the Pentagon Assistance Fund.

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