

Press Release

ZCP 2011 hits \$60K mark for charities.

Event partners credited as being instrumental in helping make monetary achievement possible.

Washington December 27, 2011— With the conclusion of another successful event, organizers of the annual Zinzi Christmas Party (ZCP) proudly announce the gala raised \$60,000 for the designated charities—St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home and Children's National Medical Center (CNMC).

"We wouldn't be able to make such a generous donation without the help of our event partners. Companies such as Republic National Distributing, Southern Wine & Spirits, and Washington Wholesale Liquor, along with Capital Eagle, and Premium Distributors are but a few that make it possible." said event organizer, Frank Zinzi, Jr. "And we especially want to thank Dan Amato, General Manager of the Grand Hyatt Washington. Year after year, Dan and his fantastic staff always go above and beyond the call of duty to accommodate our needs, and they truly help make the party a big success."

"Unbelievable!" said a very excited Sister Mary Baden, St. Ann's Administrator, upon receiving the \$30,000 check. This year's donation will likely go to either helping teen mothers, or to a remodeling project that will make the facility look more inviting and less "institutional" she further stated. Through the years, ZCP donations to St. Ann's have made it possible for them to fund projects such as a new roof; a new HVAC unit for the maternity wing; a new convection oven for the cafeteria; and new bathroom facilities for the kids.

Equally ecstatic was Fernanda Vessio, Children's National Medical Center's Director of Volunteer Services, who simply called the \$30,000 donation "Phenomenal!" Keeping with tradition, this year's funds are allocated for Dr. Bear's Closet, which provides assistance in the form of toys for patients, and lodging accommodations for families during their stay. The donation from ZCP 2010, for instance, enabled CNMC to provide toys for 2,000 patients, and accommodations for 100 out-of-town families.

The Zinzi Christmas Party, an annual event largely sponsored by the local restaurant and nightclub industry, has raised thousands for St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home and Children's National Medical Center (CNMC). The proceeds are split equally between them. In addition to St. Ann's and CNMC, past beneficiaries include St. Jude's; Bush-Clinton Katrina Relief; the American Cancer Society; and (in the wake of September 11th) the Pentagon Assistance Fund.

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