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The Zinzi Christmas Party

Press Release

Bartender Bash Nets \$30K for Local Charities

Children's National Medical Center and Saint Ann's Infant & Maternity Home Each \$15,000 Richer Thanks to Donations from the Zinzi Christmas Party

Washington, January 20, 2003: The Zinzi Christmas Party, an annual event largely sponsored by the local restaurant and nightclub industry, raises \$30,000 for charity. Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) and Saint Ann's Infant & Maternity Home were the proud beneficiaries of the annual fundraiser, held at the Grand Hyatt Washington this past December 22nd.

"There are lots of things we can put this (\$15,000) to," said Terry Orzechowski, Children's National Medical Center's Director of Volunteer Services and Consumer Support, "CNMC's Kids Care Fund is one of many possibilities for the money."

"Oh my! I was only expecting \$5,000!" said, Sister Josephine Murphy, Administrator of Saint Ann's Infant & Maternity Home, upon seeing the \$15,000 amount. When asked what she planned to do with the money, Sr. Josephine responded, "\$10,000 will go toward recreational items for the older kids, and \$5,000 will go toward a new convection oven."

The Zinzi Christmas Party, which began over 15 years ago in the suburban 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 its fundraising goal and designates two charities as beneficiaries, with proceeds to be split equally by the two. In addition to St. Ann's and CNMC, past beneficiaries include the American Cancer Society and (in the wake of September 11th) the Pentagon Assistance Fund.

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