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The Zinzi Christmas Party

Press Release

Ash Wednesday becomes “Cash” Wednesday as local charities receive \$30,000 from the Zinzi Christmas Party

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, February 25, 2004: 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 21st.

“You made our year!” said Terry Orzechowski, Children’s National Medical Center’s Director of Volunteer Services and Consumer Support, “So many people assume that we always get huge donations, and it’s just not so. I can’t thank you enough.” Orzechowski plans to attend next year’s party.

Sister Josephine Murphy, Administrator of Saint Ann’s Infant & Maternity Home, said that this year’s donation will most likely go to remodeling the boys bathroom. “Now that we have so many older boys, who need their privacy, the current bathroom no longer meets their needs.” When told the other \$15,000 will go to Children’s Hospital, she responded “I think it’s wonderful because that’s where we send our kids for medical care. So in a way, St. Ann’s benefits twice!”

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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