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**The Zinzi Christmas
Party**

Press Release

ZCP 2006 raises \$40K. Saint Jude added as third charity by The Zinzi Christmas Party.

Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital has joined Children's National Medical Center and Saint Ann's Infant & Maternity Home as regular beneficiaries of the Zinzi Christmas Party

Washington, January 25, 2007: "Christmas is about the kids," says event host, Frank Zinzi, Jr., "and we could not be happier about including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the pioneer of pediatric research and treatment, in helping improve the lives of children." The Zinzis presented the \$8,000 check to St. Jude's Jeanie Torchio, Senior Events Program Specialist; and Glendalee Ramón, Bilingual Event Marketing Representative. "This is the first of many to come." Frank Zinzi, Jr., told Torchio and Ramón, "As long as we're still doing the party, St. Jude will always receive a donation; and we hope to be able to give even more next year."

Saint Ann's Infant & Maternity Home and Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) were each given \$15,000 checks. Lisa B. Sheehan, St. Ann's Director of Development, said this year's donation will be used to replace the aging roof, and to remove asbestos in the basement. Terry Orzechowski, CNMC's Director of Volunteer Services & Consumer Support, said the money can be used in a variety of ways, such as enabling families to stay together for the duration of a child's hospital visit. The remaining funds from ZCP 2006 were split between other assistance-oriented entities, including a 9-11 charity.

The Zinzi Christmas Party, an annual event largely sponsored by the local restaurant and nightclub industry, has raised thousands for charity. The party was held at the Grand Hyatt Washington this past December 17th. It began nearly 20 years ago in the suburban home of Frank Zinzi, Sr. and his sons Frank, Jr. and Chris, and 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 for the designated charities, and the

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proceeds are split between them. In addition to St. Ann's, CNMC and now 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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