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**The Zinzi Christmas
Party**

Press Release

\$32K from Z-2-0 allotted thus far. Donations still coming in.

Saint Ann's and Children's Hospital receive lion's share of Zinzi Christmas Party proceeds.

Washington, January 31, 2008: Upon receiving the \$15,000 check, courtesy of the 20th Annual Zinzi Christmas Party, a grateful Sister Mary Bader, Administrator of Saint Ann's Infant & Maternity Home, said "...with the market tanking, it makes raising funds *that* much more difficult." This year's [ZCP] donation will likely be put towards medical staff salaries and resolving maintenance issues.

As with previous years, Terry Orzechowski, Director of Volunteer & Consumer Support Services for Children's National Medical Center (CNMC), anticipates some of the proceeds from their \$15,000 check will go towards Family Support & Needs programs (AKA, Dr. Bear's Closet), which covers the basic necessities of families during their stay at CNMC. For example, food items such as snacks, coffee and tea; or laundry items such as detergent would fall under this category.

The remaining funds from Z-2-0 will be designated for other assistance-oriented entities, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which was added last year as the third charity.

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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