

# Art Show Raises Over \$36,000 for Oncology Services at Raritan Bay Medical Center

*-Preview Reception Features Local Artists, Celebrates Perth Amboy-*

Charitable giving flourished with the season at Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation's "Inspirations: A Celebration of Art & Spring," art show preview reception in April. The tenth annual event, complete with live music by the Victor Quezada Jazz Trio, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and an art raffle, raised more than \$36,000 for Raritan Bay Medical Center's Jacqueline M. and Robert N. Wilentz Cancer Fund. More than 200 art enthusiasts attended the reception, which celebrated the city of Perth Amboy's 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary and honored long-time Perth Amboy supporters Councilman Frank and Terri Sinatra. Selected pieces remain on display in the concourse at the hospital's Perth Amboy campus through May 15 and are available for purchase.

Among the evening's highlights were presentations of the Donna Sewitch Nursing Excellence Award, providing scholarships totaling \$1,000 each to Howell resident Alyssa Licata, a junior at the Charles E. Gregory

School of Nursing and to Edison resident Christine Daniels, a freshman at the Middlesex County College, Nursing Program. Alyssa and Christine were selected for demonstrating exceptional leadership skills and professionalism as well as compassion.

'Inspirations' features selected works by predominantly New Jersey artists including; Kim Adlerman of Metuchen, Olga Bautista of Perth Amboy, Bill Bonner of Highland Park, the late Louis P. Booz III formerly of Perth Amboy, EJ Davis of Chatham, Connie Elek of Sewaren, Cabbar Komek of Perth Amboy, Francis McGinley formerly of Perth Amboy, Susan H. Schaffer of Bethlehem PA, David Simchock of Titusville, Diane Surine of Metuchen, Alex Szkola of Perth Amboy and Tom Ward of Perth Amboy.

The hospital's Jacqueline M. & Robert N. Wilentz Cancer Center provides cancer treatment and community education programs. The center has a dedicated, 30-bed inpatient unit staffed by certified oncology nurses who provide medical and psychiatric care, spiritual counseling, nutritional care and social services. Access to clinical trials and cancer specialists is delivered through the center's affiliation with The Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

Individuals unable to attend the reception can still support the Jacqueline M. and Robert N. Wilentz Cancer Fund through a tax-deductible donation to the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation. Contributions can be mailed to: Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation, The Wilentz Cancer Fund, 471 Lawrie Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, 08861. For more information call (732) 324-5374.



Raritan Bay Medical Center President and CEO Michael R. D'Agnes, left, and artist/event Co-Chair EJ Davis of Chatham pose near her photographic works at the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation's "Inspirations: A Celebration of Art & Spring" art show preview reception. Proceeds from the art show, totaling more than \$36,000, benefit the hospital's Jacqueline M. and Robert N. Wilentz Cancer Fund.