

THE ANGELICA ADVOCATE

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THE NEWSLETTER OF ANGELICA PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Bikes and Beats

Angelica agrees to fund two new programs at Coler-Goldwater Hospital.

With the recreational therapist at the wheel, the **Duet Bicycling Program** allows the patients to enjoy an exhilarating bicycle ride. This activity provides an opportunity to spend time outside of the confines of the hospital and to enjoy the outdoors, especially the beautiful views of Manhattan and the surrounding areas from Roosevelt Island. A study conducted at a similar facility had resulted in elevated self-esteem, increased appetite and an improved outlook on life. The new red bicycle is due to arrive in June. (Visit www.hoening.com/produkte/ for information on the Duet Bicycle).

Angelica is also excited about our new **Hip Hop Program**. This effort's younger demographic sometimes arrive at the hospital due to gang violence

and drug abuse. The weekly meetings provide a venue for song writing with the goal to produce a hip hop album. In addition to a fun experience, the program provides a positive environment for creative expression and a sense of accomplishment.

Coler-Goldwater Hospital is fortunate to have enthusiastic recreational therapists committed to leading these programs, but does not have the funds to purchase the necessary equipment. Angelica is thrilled to be able to fill this important need.

The cost of these two new endeavors is \$10,000. We hope to expand our funding of these innovative programs and we are currently researching other programs that we hope to fund in the near future.



The new Duet Bicycle will allow for refreshing outdoor activity.



GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

IN APRIL, Angelica held a fundraiser with the Laura Mercier cosmetics team at Bendel's. Donors sipped champagne while receiving a step-by-step makeover during a Laura Mercier Master Class. Julia Boynton, Chief of Staff to the Executive Director of Coler-Goldwater Hospital, Claude Ritman, gave an overview of the Duet Bicycling and Hip Hop programs. We are proud to announce that we raised \$2,500 during this event.



Raffle winner Christine brings home Laura Mercier bath and body products. Above, from left: Angelica supporters Ellen and Beth, with founder Trisha Duval.



WEB WATCH

One of our patient-friends has agreed to help us set up an Angelica website.

Falon designed and maintains her own website, and has graciously offered to help build Angelica's site. Stay tuned for an announcement regarding our online debut.

Mission Accomplished

IN 2005, ANGELICA SET a fundraising target of \$50,000 for 2006. We are proud to announce that we surpassed this goal by raising \$50,902 in 2006. Our goal for 2007 will be \$55,000, and as of the end of April, we have raised \$23,000.

We sincerely thank you for your support in achieving our financial objectives. These funds are crucial to Angelica's ability to bring programs and events to the patients at Coler-Goldwater Hospital.

To make an on-line donation to Angelica, please visit www.nycharities.org, type "Angelica" in the search area and click "Donate now." Any contribution you could make will be very much appreciated!

+ Join Us Angelica welcomes new faces, fresh ideas, and additional volunteer power. We meet every last Thursday of the month. Please contact any of our members, or AngelicaProgram@gmail.com for more information.

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The mission of the Angelica Patient Assistance Program is to enhance the lives of economically disadvantaged patients in need of long-term medical care and to support long-term medical care facilities. Angelica is named for a flowering plant that means inspiration.

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The auditorium was beautifully decorated with balloons and patient artwork.

Having a Ball

HORS D'OEUVRES and Shirley temples were served on Monday, February 12, at Angelica's second annual Sweet-heart Ball. Approximately 75 patients dressed up for the occasion, and a King and Queen of the Prom were selected. Angelica volunteers, led by Lisa Hathaway and Stacey Lawrence Lee, spent most of the day preparing for the Ball, and volunteers from Angelica and the Friends of Color-Goldwater Committee of the New York Junior



**King and Queen of the Ball:
Victor and Agnes.**

League provided the volunteer power to run the event. Awards were given for the best love poem. Below, the work of Lisa, a Coler-Goldwater patient.

VALENTINE HEART BEATS

Today is a classic day of love
Valentine rolls in another day of fun
Ancient dance of love
As old as the heart
As young as the first kiss

Be bold all you secret admirers
You whimsical lovers floating on air
Men and women embrace the possibilities now
Listen to the beat of your heart
Play sheer rhapsodies of love
Great guitars playing on huge rocks of diamond

No fun wondering just how to confess your love
Just go confess
No use getting scared of rejection or the run around

Rise to the occasion and make the approach
Make the undeniable proposal of love
You know it's just as easy to ask, will you marry me?

On Valentine all is sweetness all is fair and favorable
Millions thank their lucky stars for Valentine's Day
Spontaneously, they go with the flow
And let the uniqueness, the exquisiteness of the occasion
Take them through the heat of the heart

No one ever said no to a Valentine romance
None resists the magic of this day
Old loves are reaffirmed
Resurrected
And perfected.