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new ideas and new members.
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membership and volunteer
opportunities.**



Angelica Celebrates First Anniversary

The Board of Angelica is excited to announce its first year anniversary in November 2006. In one short year, our non-profit organization has raised nearly 80% of our fund raising goal for 2006, most of which came from our September BBQ. We've hosted two successful patient events, and have been nominated for The American Hospital Association's Volunteer Excellence Award. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated board members, volunteers, donors and Color-Goldwater Hospital, Angelica has quickly built momentum and become a reality.

Angelica is made up of twelve women dedicated to enhancing the lives of economically disadvantaged patients in need of long-term medical care. In the words of Claude Ritman, Executive Director of Coler-Goldwater Hospital, Angelica has "spent an enormous amount of time here, organized many events and become close friends with our patients and residents, making a tremendous difference in their quality of life. We couldn't be happier. These are a group of women who say what they mean and do it." Knowing what we have done in one year, we are primed to continue to make strides in the patients' lives.

We are proud of our accomplishments, but strive to make a greater impact on the Coler-Goldwater and Roosevelt Island community in the future. We are pleased to announce that we have raised \$39,000 in funds, just \$11,000 short of our goal of \$50,000 by the end of 2006. Please help us meet our goals and make a difference in a patient's life. Any financial contribution you could make to bring us closer to our goals and commitments would be greatly appreciated.

We are thrilled to report to you our most recent activities and endeavors. Enjoy the holiday season, and we look forward to updating you again in 2007!

-The Board and Members of Angelica Patient Assistance Program

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.

Patient Events

For our very first event as a 501(c)3, Angelica held The Sweetheart Ball, a Valentine's Day



party, where our friends dressed up, enjoyed a DJ and sparkling grape juice, and won prizes for the best love poem.



We also had a visit from the Lady Cavaliers, an all female theatrical group dedicated to

strengthening the image of women. These ladies, many of whom act as stunt doubles for actresses, gave a presentation of their sword-fighting skills to about 100 patients. The Lady Cavaliers visited with patients during a reception after the show.

Patient Update

Our dear friend, Kim suffers from Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, a condition in which her body turns normal muscle tissue into bone. Kim experiences flare-ups of this rare disease, and she recently lost her ability to walk. Angelica will organize and fund van transportation for Kim, accompanied by a friend, to visit a leading specialist in this field in Philadelphia in early November.

Fundraising

We hosted our largest fund raiser to date, the Farewell to Summer BBQ Blast in September, on Roosevelt Island. Fifty patients joined about 25 donors for hamburgers, hotdogs, a band, and face painting and fortune telling. We celebrated with old friends and new friends alike.

Yvonne, one of Coler-Goldwater's most prolific and talented painters, spoke at the event, as did Claude Ritman, Executive Director of the hospital, and Ron Becker, Director of Therapeutic Recreation.



We also had a smaller fundraising event in July at Bendel's, where the ladies gathered for a Laura Mercier Master Class, hors d'oeuvres and champagne.

Angelica Nominated for 24th Annual Volunteer Excellence Award

Coler-Goldwater Hospital has nominated Angelica for the American Hospital Association's Volunteer Excellence Awards. Founded in 1838, AHA, is a nation-wide association of hospitals, healthcare networks and care providers that serves as an educational and advocacy resource for its many members. The Volunteer Excellence awards highlight innovative hospital volunteer programs that make a positive impact on patients' lives and the hospitals and communities in which they live.

This competition takes place at a national level, and we hope to report good news when we hear of the winners in April 2007! For more information about the AHA and the Volunteer Excellence Awards, please go to www.AHA.org

