

From Our Heart

Summer 2009



Coler-Goldwater Celebrates Its Employees!



Claude Ritman presents the Employee and Department of the Year Awards



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Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility

ANCHOR CLUB BBQ Bash

Under the leadership of Bill Greco, President of the Anchor Club, patients/residents met under the blue tent at Goldwater to help kick off summer and the barbecue season. The Anchor Club is made up of big-hearted volunteers from the New York City Fire Department. On Thursday, June 6, Anchor Club volunteers were here to help escort patients and residents to the event, serve food and share their friendship with all attendees.

This annual event is always a great way to welcome the warmer months, and start the outdoor activity season. Big appetites were satisfied, and big smiles emerged as delicious food from Food and Nutrition was prepared and served under sunny skies. Mellow jazz and classical rock favorites were delivered by Harmony Entertainment.

As the afternoon came to a close, another day of great memories was captured, thanks our friends from

the Anchor Club. Remembering the wonderful barbecue helped us through the many rainy days that followed.

Special thanks go to Hospital Police, Volunteers, Administration, Nursing, Food & Nutrition, Housekeeping, Grounds Crew and Therapeutic Recreation for helping make the event such a success.



Angelica Delivers the Goods!

Angelica has come through again! Angelica has been an Angel to Coler-Goldwater, providing manpower and financial support for many Recreation Therapy activities and patient programs. Now, a member of Angelica's Board of Directors, Mr. Pat Duval, has generously donated a bounty of gifts from Duval & Stachenfeld LLP.

Handsome furniture and other very useful gifts have been donated to Coler-Goldwater Recreation Therapy and other areas. The generous donation of furniture and art-



work includes a grandfather clock, desks, file cabinets, chairs, desk lamps, bulletin boards, conference room tables, a large wall unit, two televisions, a couch and some small refrigerators. They also donated a treadmill, weights and other wonderful equipment appropriate for the gyms. The staff of Duval & Stachenfeld LLP generously coordinated the selection of items and their delivery to Coler-Goldwater at no expense to the hospital.

The Angelica Patient Assistance Program was established in 2005 by volunteers who started visiting

patients at Coler-Goldwater Hospital through the New York Junior League. Their experiences with the patients led Angelica members to form a new charity exclusively devoted to enhancing the lives of economically disadvantaged patients in need of long-term medical care.

The organization's mission is to enhance the lives of patients as well as to support long-term medical care facilities. It is presently focused on improving the lives of residents here at Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility.

Thank you Angelica and Duval & Stachenfeld, LLP for your unstinting support of the hospital!

Father's Day Celebration

As the scene was set in the Coler auditorium, many residents began entering the auditorium with anticipation of the day when we honor our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and cousins. The program began with Kevin, a performer from Harmony singing melodic tunes which the residents enjoyed. The residents quickly grew to a large crowd as Kevin engaged the residents in the music. He took requests from the crowd such as "Daddy's Home" and "This Is A Man's World" to name just a few. As the Father's Day celebration progressed cheese and crackers, with cake and juice was served.

To conclude the program we thanked all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and cousins who were fathers or who helped in the on-going process of fatherhood.

Latino Festival 2009

On the only sunny day of the month, June 25, 2009, the annual Latino Festival was held. We celebrated outdoors under the blue tent on the Coler campus. This was the first special event held outdoors for this Spring and the residents were excited to finally be outside. The musical group "Los Condoleros" performed hits from Spain and several Latin American countries including Puerto Rico, Honduras and Cuba. They had the audience doing the salsa, meringue, and Cha Cha. The smell of platanos, chicken, rice and beans permeated the air. Everyone had a great time. When it was time to go, no one wanted the music to end. Thanks to Los Condoleros for a wonderful opening to our summer outdoor season. Olé!

