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Benedictine Health Foundation Honors St. Benedict Award Recipients

Kingston, N.Y. – Nov. 10, 2011 – The Benedictine Health Foundation will hold its 42nd annual Winter's Eve Gala to honor 2011 St. Benedict Award recipients, Phyllis Parikh and Marc A. Tack, D.O. The celebration will take place on Friday, December 9th, at the new Diamond Mills Hotel and Tavern located in Saugerties, N.Y.

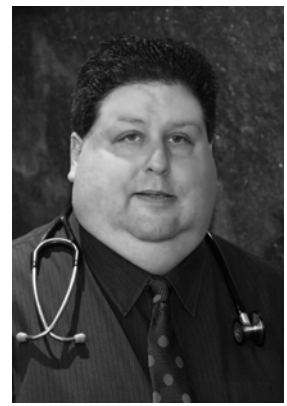
The St. Benedict Award is presented to members of the Benedictine community who exhibit the Core Values of the Hospital: Hospitality, Community, Stewardship, Respect, Peace and Excellence. Mrs. Parikh and Dr. Tack will be honored for their leadership and dedicated service to Benedictine Hospital.



Mrs. Parikh has a dedicated history of volunteer service in our community having served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, Vice President of the Catskill Ballet Theatre Board of Directors, and a member of the Medical Society of Ulster County. She began her affiliation with Benedictine Hospital through the Auxiliary in 1995, and then served as President of the Auxiliary Board from 1998 – 1999. She continues to play a key role in the Auxiliary's annual Fashion Show, Luncheon and Victorian Tea, and is a member of their Executive Committee. Phyllis has served on the Benedictine Health Foundation Board since 2004 and has been Chairperson of the Winter's Eve Gala Committee since 1998. She resides with her husband, Dr. Nirmal Parikh, in Kingston. They are the proud parents of Tanya, a lawyer with the Immigration Law Firm of Fragomen, Del Ray, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP in New York City, and Michelle, a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Marc Tack moved to Kingston in 1996 with his family where he joined Dr. Craig Moss and Dr. Debra Karnasiewicz, and they founded Medical Associates of the Hudson Valley. Dr. Tack is board-certified in

Infectious Diseases and has been the chairman of the infection control programs at Benedictine and Kingston Hospitals since 1996. Dr. Tack has served as the Secretary of the Medical Staff, Vice President of the Medical Staff, and for the past six years has been the President of the medical staff at Benedictine Hospital. He has served on the Board of Directors of Benedictine Hospital and chaired the quality assurance committee for the board. He has served on the Board of Directors of HealthAlliance since its inception. Dr. Tack is also currently serving as the President of the Ulster County Board of Health.



Dr. Tack has been married to his wife Pamela for 23 years and they have 3 children. Their twin sons Benjamin and Adam are sophomores at the State Universities of Albany and Plattsburgh, respectively. Their 15-year-old daughter Sydney is a sophomore at Kingston High School.

The evening's festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails & hors d'oeuvres, followed by the awards presentation and dinner at 8:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy dancing to the sounds of Bill's Toupee until midnight.

For reservation and sponsor information, please contact the Benedictine Health Foundation at (845) 334-3017. To preview Diamond Mills, please visit: www.diamondmillshotel.com.

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About HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley®

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