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## **Klock Foundation Funds Services and Medical Equipment at Benedictine Hospital**

Kingston, N.Y. – March 12, 2010 – The Klock Foundation recently awarded the Benedictine Health Foundation a grant of \$15,000 to purchase medical equipment and to fund services provided by the Oncology Support Program at Benedictine Hospital. The program is especially concerned with the quality of life of those who are diagnosed with cancer, and offers support groups, comprehensive services, and complementary therapies to cancer patients and their families. Over 1,900 patients from the community of Ulster County and the surrounding counties of Dutchess, Columbia, Greene and Sullivan were provided services in 2009.

“We are grateful for the Klock Foundation’s continued commitment to improving the quality of healthcare in the Hudson Valley,” said Barbara Klassen, Executive Director of the Benedictine Health Foundation. “The Klock Foundation has generously donated a total of \$180,000 to Benedictine Hospital for capital projects, the purchase of medical equipment, and to support the Cancer Center’s programs.

“The Klock Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in Ulster County and their programs to advance education, literacy, the arts, public health and the sciences,” said Mark Lasch, Senior Vice President, KeyBank, and Klock Foundation Trustee. “We are proud to manage the Klock Foundation in pursuit of the goals that Lucia and Jay Klock had in mind when they established it. Their community involvement

continues through the work of their nonprofit charitable foundation.” Lucia and Jay Klock were the founding publishers of the Kingston Daily Freeman.

KeyBank has managed the Klock Foundation since 1966. Lasch and Mary Ellen Cologero, Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager, and Market Leader at Key Corp, have been foundation trustees for the past 10 years. “At a time when contributions to nonprofits are shrinking, we are proud that Key’s management of the Klock Foundation has actually increased the value of the Foundation’s portfolio over the past 10 years, allowing the Foundation to increase its contributions to the community,” said Cologero who manages Klock Foundation investments.

**About Benedictine Health Foundation**

The Benedictine Health Foundation supports the healthcare programs, services, and facilities of Benedictine Hospital, a member of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley®, and provides funding for the continuing education of the hospital’s healthcare professionals. For further information, contact Barbara Klassen, Executive Director, at (845) 334-3186.

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