



# Benedictine

## HEALTH FOUNDATION

*Supporting the Benedictine Spirit of Compassionate Care*

### **Benedictine Health Foundation Supports Housing for Ulster County Veterans**

Kingston, New York – January 28, 2014 – The Benedictine Health Foundation recently presented a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Ulster County Executive Michael Hein in support of the Patriots Project - Transitional Veterans' Housing. The funds will help pay for renovations of the future Veterans' home located at 67 Wurts Street in Kingston, and will afford Ulster County the ability to provide homeless Veterans rehabilitation services to assist with their transition from military to civilian life. The property stands directly across from Thomas Cornell Park, which is the site of an existing Veterans' Memorial.

“In support of and appreciation for the many sacrifices our military members make for the cause of freedom, the Benedictine Health Foundation is pleased to support our local veterans through the services made available by the Patriots Project. We are honored to play a role in such a worthy project that upholds our mission to improve the health and well-being of the underserved in Ulster County,” said Rich Gillette, President of the Benedictine Health Foundation.

“It is my privilege to thank the Benedictine Health Foundation for their very generous donation toward the Patriots Project,” said County Executive Hein. “The additional help we receive through community organizations such as the Benedictine Health Foundation, in support of our local Veterans who have sacrificed so much for us is inspiring. Soon Ulster County will have a place for our Veterans in need to live and receive rehabilitation services, such as mental health, medical care and job placement, and which will allow us to truly say, ‘welcome home.’”

Over 60,000 Veterans are homeless nationwide, and it is estimated there are 20 – 40 homeless Veterans in Ulster County at any given time. For more information, visit:

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/veterans-service-agency/patriots-project-veteran's-home>.

#### **About Benedictine Health Foundation**

The Mission of the Benedictine Health Foundation is to raise and distribute resources to support quality and compassionate health care that improves the physical, psychological, and spiritual well being of those who are vulnerable and underserved in Ulster County. For further information, contact Barbara Klassen, Executive Director, at (845) 334-3186.