



# Benedictine

## HEALTH FOUNDATION

*Supporting the Benedictine Spirit of Compassionate Care*

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### **Community Leaders to Be Honored by Benedictine Health Foundation**

Kingston, N.Y. – December 1, 2015 – The Benedictine Health Foundation will honor community leaders, Dr. Martin Cascio and the Casciaro Family, at their 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala “Passport to Holidays Around the World” on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at Diamond Mills Hotel and Tavern in Saugerties.

Dr. Cascio will be presented with the St. Benedict Award for Medical Excellence. Cascio is president of the HealthAlliance Medical Staff and has worked as an Anesthesiologist in the Hudson Valley since 1997. He has held the position of Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at the former Benedictine Hospital and as Vice-President of the Medical Staff. Dr. Cascio maintains his academic ties as a Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology at New York Medical College.

The Casciaro Family will be presented with the St. Benedict Award for Community Spirit. The Casciaro’s have served in volunteer leadership roles for many organizations in the Ulster County community including Benedictine Hospital’s Cancer Center Campaign, YMCA of Kingston and Ulster, United Way, American Cancer Society, and the Italian American Foundation. Frank Casciaro, Sr. and his wife Gloria started their insurance business in Kingston in 1977, and their sons, Louis, Frank Jr., and Paul all joined the business now The Reis Group which has grown to 50 employees at four locations.

The Gala will feature holiday fare from around the world and dancing to Bill’s Toupee. Reservations are \$175.00 per person. For further information contact the Benedictine Health Foundation at (845) 334-3017 or go online to [www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org](http://www.benedictinehealthfoundation.org).

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### **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. The Foundation has supported health care programs and services in Ulster County since 1977. For further information, contact Barbara Klassen, Executive Director, at (845) 334-3186.

**Photo Captions:** Dr. Martin Cascio; Casciaro brothers, Paul, Frank, Jr., and Lou