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### **Bike for Cancer Raises \$95,000**



Kingston, N.Y. – Oct. 27, 2010 – Over 350 riders turned out to show their support of the 7th Annual Bike for Cancer Care held on Sunday, September 26th, to benefit the Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund. The event featured a 5-, 25- and 50-mile ride throughout Ulster County. At the end of the day, riders and volunteers celebrated the success of raising \$95,000 at a finish line BBQ and an awards ceremony.

Working in partnership with the Gruner Family and the Thomas A. Dee Cancer Center at Benedictine Hospital, the Benedictine Health Foundation established this fund in 2004 to provide for families who are facing financial challenges during cancer treatment. The Fund provides assistance for the purchase of products and services not covered by medical insurance such as nutritional products, prostheses, and gift cards for groceries and gas. Residents of Ulster County regardless of where they receive treatment, and residents of neighboring Hudson Valley Counties who are receiving cancer treatment in Ulster County are eligible to apply.

“This is a vital program that we are fortunate to offer to patients in our community struggling with financial hardships due to cancer. Because of the Gruner family’s efforts, over 635 patients and their families have benefited from this Fund. Our goal is to provide financial assistance to every eligible patient that applies,” said Barbara Klassen, Executive Director of the Benedictine Health Foundation.

Special thanks to our Platinum Sponsors, River Radiology and Hannaford Supermarkets; Gold Sponsors, Cumulus Media, Ulster Savings Bank, Timely Signs, Rondout Savings Bank, Stewart’s Shops and Anita Williams Peck; and Silver Sponsors, Ozzie and Kathy Beichert, Colonial Roofing & Siding, Gillette Creamery, Maple Ridge and Woodcrest Communities, MVP Health Care, Ryan & Ryan Insurance Brokers, Inc., Erie Insurance Group, Elizabeth Tapen, M.D., and the Valley Group.

For further information on the Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund, contact the Oncology Support Program at (845) 339-2071. The Benedictine Health Foundation supports the quality healthcare programs, services, and facilities of Benedictine Hospital, a member of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley.

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