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Benedictine Hospital Awarded Grant to Benefit Cancer Patients

Kingston, N.Y., – Sept. 9, 2009 – The American Association of the Order of Malta recently awarded a grant of \$10,000 to the Benedictine Health Foundation to benefit the Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund at Benedictine Hospital.

In partnership with the Thomas A. Dee Cancer Center at Benedictine Hospital and the Benedictine Health Foundation, the Gruner Fund provides direct financial assistance for products and services not covered by medical insurance to economically disadvantaged cancer patients undergoing treatment in Ulster County. Nutritional products, prostheses, and gift cards to purchase groceries and gas, are just a few of the items provided for.

The Order of Malta is a worldwide, lay, religious order of the Roman Catholic Church. There are more than 25 designated American Association Areas across the country with appointed Area Chairpersons. Knights and Dames assist a broad number of charitable organizations working with the sick and the poor both financially and with hands-on volunteer efforts.

For further information on the Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund, contact Sarah Urech, Director of the Oncology Support Program at (845) 339-2071, or Barbara Klassen, Executive Director of the Benedictine Health Foundation at (845) 334-3186. 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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