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**Dyson Foundation Awards \$50,000 Grant to the
Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund**

Kingston, N.Y. – Jul. 26, 2010 – The Dyson Foundation recently awarded a grant of \$50,000 to the Benedictine Health Foundation for the benefit of the Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund at Benedictine Hospital.

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 the facility where they receive treatment and residents of neighboring Hudson Valley Counties who are receiving cancer treatment from a facility within Ulster County are eligible to apply.

“This is a vital program we offer to patients in our community struggling with financial hardships due to cancer. Because of the Gruner family’s efforts, over 625 patients and their families have benefited from this Fund. Our goal is to provide financial assistance to every eligible patient that applies; this generous grant from The Dyson Foundation will help us to continue in our mission,” said Barbara Klassen, Executive Director of the Benedictine Health Foundation.

The Dyson Foundation is a private, family-directed grant making foundation established in 1957. The Foundation is led by Robert R. Dyson who has served as the Foundation's President since 2000. Headquartered in Millbrook, (Dutchess County) New York, the Foundation awards grants through a diverse regional funding program in the Dyson family's home community of the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State. The Dyson Foundation also makes grants outside the Hudson Valley to pre-selected organizations.

The Foundation's assets presently stand at approximately \$260,000,000 and in the year 2009 it awarded grants in excess of \$15,000,000.

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

About Benedictine Health Foundation

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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HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley is the alignment of The Kingston Hospital, Benedictine Hospital, Margaretville Hospital, Mountainside Residential Care Center and Woodland Pond. The goal of HealthAlliance is to strengthen the quality of care, bring forward enhanced technology and provide compassionate care to serve the present and future healthcare needs in the Hudson Valley.

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