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Harlem Hospital Center-Generations+/Northern Manhattan Network  
October 30, 2009-----

## FOUR HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER EMPLOYEES HONORED BY WOMEN BUILDERS COUNCIL, INC.



(L-R) Ms. Deborah Thornhill, Dr. John M. Palmer,  
Ms. Aissatou Bey-Grecia, honorees



Ms. Anita O'Brien



Ms. Jo-Ann Young

Hundreds of movers and shakers in the construction industry gathered at the Third Annual Champion Awards Gala and Reception at the Bank of New York Mellon on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 to salute individuals that have made strides in the construction industry. Four of our colleagues from Harlem Hospital Center were among those honored by the Women Builders Council, Inc. for

their work on the Harlem Hospital Center Modernization Project.

Our very own Executive Director, Dr. John M. Palmer received the 2009 Champion Award for his leadership and vision on the expansion of Harlem Hospital Center. Ms. **Deborah Thornhill**, Associate Executive Director of Strategic Planning received an Outstanding Woman of the Year Award for her tireless efforts in seeking and securing funding for the Modernization Project. Ms. **Anita M. O'Brien**, Associate Executive Director of the Modernization Project, and Ms. **Jo-Ann Young**, Assistant Director of Facilities Management were also recipients of the Outstanding Woman of the Year Award for their commitment, dedication and efforts to the project. We salute our Honorees!

## WILD WOMEN PERFORM AT HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER

The Friends of Harlem Hospital Center, the Harlem Hospital Center Auxiliary, the Harlem Hospital Center School of Nursing Alumni Association and New Heritage Theater Group sponsored a Concert Benefit "Wild Women" for Harlem Hospital Center's

Capital Campaign Modernization Project on Sunday, October 18 in the hospital's Herbert G. Cave Auditorium.



Mrs. Zella Jackson, President, Harlem Hospital Center Auxiliary; Mr. Voza Rivers, Executive Producer, New Heritage Theatre Group and Mrs. Thurston Groomes, President, Harlem Hospital Center School of Nursing Alumni Association

The Wild Women benefit was a success and raised \$3,600. The singers were Maxine Brown, with great hits like "All in My Mind" and "Oh No Not My Baby", was inducted into the R & B Hall of Fame and acted on Broadway; Beverly Crosby who has been on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and inducted in the R & B Hall of Fame; and Ella "Peaches" Garrett who starred as a classical vocalist and co-starred with famous groups such as the Buddy Tate Orchestra. The musical director and keyboardist was Atsushi "Toya" Tokuya who has worked with Ben E. King, Chuck Jackson, De De Sharp, and is now collaborating with two-time Tony Award Nominee Vivian Reed on a new show.

Dr. John M. Palmer stated, "Wild Women was a positive and joyful sound, along with their powerful voices, combining the Blues, R & B and Gospel that thrilled, and exhilarated the audience. And, I am very grateful that three of the hospital's organizations sponsored the Wild Women concert

for the hospital's fundraising drive. Their leadership and support of the Capital Campaign Modernization Project demonstrates their compassion and dedication to the patients and communities we serve."

### **BREASTFEEDING AND LACTATION ROOM GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**



(L-R) Mr. José Sánchez, Dr. Walid Michelen, Ms. Mary Hom (patient), Ms. Popy Begum (patient), Dr. Edgar Mandeville, and Dr John M. Palmer

The Renaissance Health Care Network announced the opening of the first Breastfeeding and Lactation Room at the Lenox Avenue Health Center. The ambiance of the room will provide comfort, privacy and educational support essential to successful breastfeeding. Mothers can nurse their babies in a comfortable rocking chair, while listening to the soft sound of flowing water from the miniature fountain.

The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Friday, October 16; special guests included, Dr. John M. Palmer, Executive Director, Harlem Hospital Center and Renaissance Health Care Network; Mr. José R. Sánchez, Network Senior Vice President; Dr. Walid Michelen,

Network Chief of Staff; and Dr. Edgar Mandeville, Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Staff and patients are excited about the Breastfeeding and Lactation Room and look forward to the moms bonding with their children, as they begin their life journey.

### **SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY GRADUATION**

The School of Radiologic Technology at



Harlem Hospital Center held its 19<sup>th</sup> Graduation Exercise on Friday, October 9, 2009 in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium. The ceremony marked a milestone for the 27 graduates who successfully completed the two-year program, putting in countless clinical and didactic hours. This was also a joyous moment for the 20 advanced students who seized the opportunity to return to the field of Radiologic Technology. Graduates shared this special occasion with many individuals that contributed to their education, training and success; Dr. John M. Palmer, Executive Director of Harlem Hospital Center, Mr. José R. Sánchez, Network Senior Vice President, Senior Leadership, Clinical Instructors, Nurses, Patients, and family and friends.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Social Work staff **Mark White** has been selected to receive the National Association of Social Work NYC Chapter's Emerging Leaders Award for 2009.

Mark White is a Social Work Supr III at Harlem Hospital, serving as the Child Protection Coordinator and supervising Inpatient Pediatrics and the PCAP program. In addition Mark is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and an Ackerman trained Family Therapist. Congratulations on this award, from the Network Department of Social Work.

### **MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER**



Harlem Hospital Center & Renaissance Walkers

Despite the cold, rain and wind, the Harlem Hospital Center and Renaissance Health Care Network Walk Team participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Central Park on Sunday, October 18, 2009. Ms. **Stacey Bennett**, Team Captain, said she was overjoyed to see 35 Team Members join in the 2009 walk, as she remembers when there were far fewer. The color pink could be seen throughout Central Park as the Harlem Hospital Center and the

Renaissance Health Care Network Walk Team and others made *Strides* to honor the survivors and remember those we lost to breast cancer.

To date, the Walk Team has raised more than \$3,000. However, the efforts continue. If you would like to donate please contact Ms. Stacey Bennett at [stacey.bennett@nychhc.org](mailto:stacey.bennett@nychhc.org) or (212) 939-8035 or Ms. Sherri Holman at [sherri.holman@nychhc.org](mailto:sherri.holman@nychhc.org) or (212) 939-1372. Make a Difference. Make History. Make Strides.

### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CLOSING CEREMONY

Harlem Hospital Center concluded their celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with a Grand Finale held on



Harlem Hospital Center's Hispanic employees honored for their outstanding customer service in 2009

Thursday, October 15, in the MLKP Art Gallery. The program opened with welcoming remarks by our Executive Director, Dr. John M. Palmer. Certificates of recognition were presented to all Hispanic employees who were Caught In The Act or were Employees of the Month during 2009. Dr. Palmer pulled the names of the winners for the three Hispanic Heritage contests before testing the

audiences' knowledge of famous Hispanic legends.

Everyone enjoyed a variety of Hispanic desserts that included cakes, pastries and the crowd's favorite, ice cream. Throughout the celebration the audience was serenaded by the wonderful musical selections of Pun Jab & Company.

The Employee Recognition Committee thanks staff who contributed desserts and volunteered to serve at the event. Special thanks to Dietary Services, Facilities and Housekeeping for their assistance in making this event a success.

### HARLEM'S THIRD ANNUAL CARDIOVASCULAR SYMPOSIUM



(L-R) Dr. Aubrey Clarke, Cardiologist, Division of Cardiology, Harlem Hospital Center; Dr. Aloysius B. Cuyjet, Senior Vice-President & Chief Health Equity Officer, Nassau University Medical Center; Dr. Icilma Fergus, Chief of the Division of Cardiology, Harlem Hospital Center; Dr. Ulrich P. Jorde, Assoc. Professor of Clinical Medicine, Presbyterian Hospital; Dr. Clyde W. Yancy, Medical Director, Baylor Heart & Vascular Institute, Baylor University Medical Center; Dr. Judith Mitchell, Director, Heart Failure Center, SUNY Health Science Center, Brooklyn, NY; Dr. Bredy Pierre-Louis, Cardiology Attending, Division of Cardiology, Harlem Hospital Center; Mr. Andre Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.

Harlem Hospital Center hosted the Third Annual Cardiovascular

Symposium in the Herbert G. Cave Auditorium on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Cardiovascular experts addressed "Acute Cardiovascular Syndromes in Communities of Color;" emphasizing the importance of management and treatment in order to reduce disparities and the incidence of cardiovascular disease in high risk communities. The audience was comprised of more than 250 doctors, nurses, and other health care providers from across the State. All were actively engaged, asking thought evoking questions during the panel discussions. The participants walked away more determined to conquer cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death in our community.

**HEALTH INFORMATION AND  
TECHNOLOGY WEEK  
November 1 - 7, 2009**

**PROTECT YOURSELF, PATIENTS,  
STAFF AND VISITORS -  
GET THE FLU VACCINATION**

All HHC employees are encouraged to get the vaccination for both the Seasonal and H1N1 viruses. Flu vaccinations will be administered throughout the facility until Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Locations include:

Martin Luther King Jr. Pavilion  
Art Gallery, Second Floor  
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Ronald H. Brown Pavilion  
Fourth Floor, Room 4083  
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Women's Pavilion  
Occupational Health Services, Room  
453  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Kountz Pavilion  
Sixth Floor  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM