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Honorees Announced for 13th Annual Award of Hope Gala and Benefit Auction
*The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation to Recognize Longtime Supporters and
Leaders in Patient Care and Research*

New Brunswick, N.J., August 25, 2008 – Recognizing significant contributions made to New Jersey’s only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation will be honoring six outstanding individuals at the 13th Annual Award of Hope Gala and Benefit Auction this fall for their dedication and commitment to The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) and the fight against cancer. CINJ is a Center of Excellence of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Since its inception, the Award of Hope Gala has raised nearly eight-million dollars for cancer research, patient care and education programs at CINJ. The New Brunswick facility is celebrating 15 years of patient care this year and proudly holds the Comprehensive Cancer Center designation from the National Cancer Institute. The designation – which is awarded to institutions for excellence in patient care, research and other criteria – is a prestigious honor held by only 40 other facilities in the country.

“The Award of Hope Gala provides a great opportunity to raise awareness about CINJ research, patient care and programs and to recognize those who are making a difference in the fight against cancer,” said Leslie Logan Taylor, chair of the CINJ Foundation Board of Trustees. “This year’s honorees are exceptional members of the New Jersey cancer community. Their involvement and support upwardly propels the core mission of The Cancer Institute which is to advance cancer research and provide it in the form of high quality treatment to the patient.”

The following individuals are being recognized at this year’s event, which will take place Saturday, October 4, at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick:

Award of Hope

The Award of Hope was established in 1997 to publicly recognize those who have demonstrated untiring leadership and a deep commitment to serving the cancer needs of the people of New Jersey. By supporting and recognizing the enormous contributions of distinguished corporations and private citizens, it is the CINJ Foundation’s goal to nourish the spirit of advocacy and leadership throughout the state.

**Malcolm Wernik, Metuchen
Vivian and William Wood Allen, Princeton**

Since its inception, CINJ has strived to become one of the nation’s premier cancer treatment centers and has accomplished that mission in part due to the philanthropic and leadership support of Malcolm Wernik and Vivian and Will Allen. Wernik is a two-time cancer survivor and CINJ patient, who has worked tirelessly to raise millions of dollars to support the work of CINJ. The Allen’s have been involved with CINJ for many years with Vivian serving as an active volunteer for the Award of Hope Gala Committee

and Will as a Foundation Board of Trustees member. Through their leadership and generosity, all three honorees have been instrumental in helping to advance the goals of the CINJ Foundation.

Award for Leadership in Patient Care

The Award for Leadership in Patient Care was established in 2000 to acknowledge the health care professionals whose life and work exemplify the spirit and mission of CINJ.

Bruce G. Haffty, MD, Franklin Township

As associate director and head of radiation oncology at CINJ and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Bruce G. Haffty, MD, has focused on building a specialized infrastructure at both CINJ and RWJUH to provide patients with superior care using cutting-edge radiation technology with a focus on several subspecialties. Dr. Haffty, who also is a professor and chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, is responsible for having established New Jersey's only Radiation Oncology Residency Program and was recently named as president-elect of the American Board of Radiology.

Leah Scaramuzzo, MSN, RN, C, AOCN, Hazlet

Over the last nine years, Leah Scaramuzzo, MSN, RN, C, AOCN, has played an integral part in providing education to CINJ's patients and families about their disease and treatment. She is responsible for having developed and currently teaches CINJ's Treatment Patient Orientation Program as well as the orientation program for new treatment nurses at CINJ. Scaramuzzo also has been instrumental in building the Resource and Learning Center at CINJ, which provides patients and members of the community with the most comprehensive and up-to-date educational materials about cancer.

Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation Trustees Award for Distinguished Leadership and Achievement

The CINJ Foundation is honored to present a special Award for Distinguished Leadership and Achievement to Arnold B. Rabson to acknowledge his significant contributions to the growth and success of CINJ over the past 14 years.

Arnold B. Rabson, MD, Princeton

Having recently served as deputy director for CINJ, Arnold B. Rabson, MD, played a pivotal role in the establishment of CINJ's basic research program. During his 14-year tenure, Dr. Rabson has been astute at identifying opportunities for scientific translation and productive interdisciplinary collaborations. Rabson, who also is a professor of molecular genetics, microbiology and immunology at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, has been a dependable mentor to new investigators and has encouraged senior researchers to consider the implications of their outstanding work. He currently serves as the Interim Senior Associate Dean for Research and the Interim Director of the Child Health Institute, both at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets for this year's Gala can be obtained by calling CINJ Foundation Director of Special Events, Leanne Kochy at 732-235-4956.

The CINJ Foundation raises funds to support cancer research, treatment, prevention and education programs of CINJ. Gifts are received from corporations, foundations, individuals, special events and through planned gifts. To make a tax-deductible gift to New Jersey's only NCI -designated Comprehensive Cancer Center call 732-235-8614 or visit www.cinjfoundation.org.

About The Cancer Institute of New Jersey

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is the state's first and only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, and is dedicated to improving the prevention, detection, treatment and care of patients with cancer. CINJ's physician-scientists engage in translational research, transforming their laboratory discoveries into clinical practice quite literally bringing research to life. The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is a center of excellence of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. To support CINJ, please call the Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation at 1-888-333-CINJ.

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Network is comprised of hospitals throughout the state and provides a mechanism to rapidly disseminate important discoveries into the community. Partner Hospital: Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Affiliate Hospitals: Bayshore Community Hospital, CentraState Healthcare System, Cooper University Hospital*, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, JFK Medical Center, Morristown Memorial Hospital, Overlook Hospital, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton (CINJ-Hamilton), Saint Peter's University Hospital, Somerset Medical Center, Southern Ocean County Hospital, The University Hospital/UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School*, and University Medical Center at Princeton. *Academic Affiliate

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