

# Press Release

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## **Ellis Medicine's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Gala** **An evening to honor the Medical Society of Schenectady County** *To benefit the new Ellis Residential and Rehabilitation Center*

More than 300 guests attended a major Ellis Medicine Foundation fundraiser at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia on *Saturday January 23, 2010*.

The Winter Gala honored the Medical Society of the County of Schenectady for its 200 years of service to the community. The Medical Society is celebrating its bicentennial in 2010. The organization, which is comprised of more than 300 community physicians, plays an invaluable role in promoting the health and wellness of area residents.

The Winter Gala raised \$115,000 to support the new and enhanced Ellis Residential and Rehabilitation Center at its new location on the Ellis Health Center Campus, McClellan Street. The project is underway to relocate the nursing home this spring, from its current location at Ellis Hospital. The new, relocated center will offer a home-like environment with improved amenities such as:

- more private rooms, arranged in small "neighborhoods"
- family rooms and respite rooms
- dining space with kitchens for family functions
- dedicated activity space
- cyber café equipped with computers, web cameras and games
- library
- rooftop garden

Among the highlights of the 2010 Gala was an exquisite piece of jewelry custom-designed and donated by Sondra's Fine Jewelry of Schenectady for the event's special prize drawing. The unique couture necklace features sparkling swirls diamonds and blue sapphires. Visually, the venue was transformed into a blue and silver winterscape by Renaissance Floral Design and the patio area became a Manhattan-style nightclub for dancing and socializing after dinner.