

“Thanks for Giving” Ball at The Puck Building

On October 23, 2008, nearly 400 friends and supporters joined for a festive evening of dinner and music at The Puck Building for The New York Eye & Ear Infirmary's 2008 “Thanks for Giving Ball.” The event raised more than \$500,000 to benefit Patient Care Services.

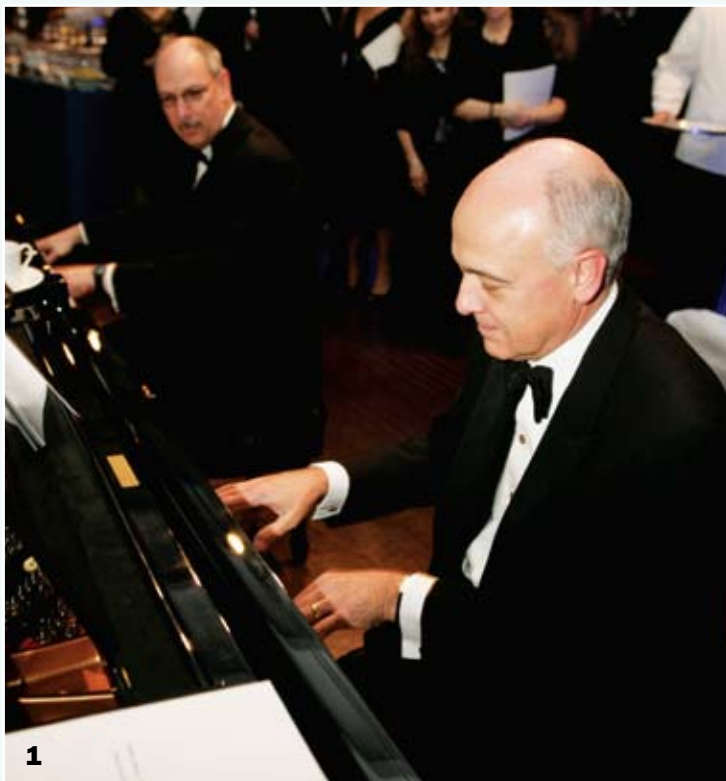
Chairman of the Board Peter Frelinghuysen; Ball Chairs Charles Berry, Sheldon Gordon and Judy Zesiger; the Infirmary's distinguished Board of Directors; supporters and friends honored former NYEEI Trustee Belinda Pierce and her husband Gerald Pierce, MD, with The Margaret Loeb Kempner Humanitarian Award, accepted posthu-

mously on behalf of their mother and stepfather by Pliny Jewell IV and Lucinda Jewell. The evening also honored eminent genetic researcher, Edwin Stone MD, Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Director, Carver Genetic Laboratory, University of Iowa, with the John Kearney Rodgers Physician of the Year Award.

WCBS-TV's Dr. Max Gomez served as Master of Ceremonies, and the entertainment by Jorge Navarro's Pasión Flamenco Dance Company was complemented with Spanish-themed tapas and dinner by Danny Meyers' Hudson Yards.

PHOTOS

- 1 H. Jay Wisnicki, MD, and Edward Nowak at “Dueling Pianos”
- 2 PJ Jewell, Lucinda Jewell, Judith Kessler, and MC Kessler
- 3 Mark Kupersmith, MD, and Edwin Stone, MD
- 4 Seymour Fradin, MD, Edwin Stone, MD, Susan Liebowitz, and Mary Stone, MD
- 5 Robert Newman, MD, Seiko Newman, and Tricia Balsamini



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- 6 Charles Berry and Kathryn Berry
- 7 Richard Kearns, Kathleen Kearns, and Stephen Hochman
- 8 Robert Rich, MD, Susan Beers, and Peter Frelinghuysen
- 9 Judy Zesiger, Phyllis Schaefer, and Steven Schaefer, MD
- 10 Josephine Brezenoff and Stanley Brezenoff



NYEEI Wins Grant for Surgical and Urgent Care Services

The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary recently received a New York State grant of \$3.2 million to build two new operating rooms and a new urgent care center, which will help the hospital improve facilities and increase efficiency.

“This grant will allow us to provide more New Yorkers with state-of-the-art surgical services as well as increase our capacity to treat eye trauma and other urgent eye, ear-nose-throat conditions,” said D. McWilliams Kessler, President of NYEEI.

NYEEI’s grant is part of a larger \$280 million of dedicated capital funds for health care restructuring projects throughout New York State known as HEAL NY, or Health Care Efficiency and Affordability Law for New Yorkers, which was announced by Governor David A. Paterson.

“HEAL NY projects support the core of New York’s health care reforms,” Governor Paterson said. “These awards will help improve access to health care in our cities, towns and villages, and bring smart investments that will cut down on wasteful spending by directing funding to the best solutions for health care in New York State.”

Two new operating rooms will be designed and equipped for use by all three of the hospital’s specialties: Eye; Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT); and Plastic & Reconstruc-

tive Surgery. Approximately 2,000–2,400 additional cases will be accommodated each year, allowing the hospital to perform some 27,000 surgical procedures annually. An enhanced Urgent Care Center will expand by 25% and add a fourth treatment room for Eye and ENT specialties.

“The closure of 150 inpatient beds at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital as well as the nearby Cabrini Medical Center has increased community needs and demand for New York Eye and Ear Infirmary services,” Mr. Kessler said, noting that the infirmary’s operating rooms, for example, have seen a 23% increase in procedures over the last few years and are currently booked to capacity.