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HEALTH FOUNDATION

Supporting the Benedictine Spirit of Compassionate Care

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Bike for Cancer to Benefit Local Cancer Patients Exceeds Goal of \$125,000

Kingston, N.Y. – September 23, 2014 – On September 21 over 400 cyclists of all ages joined the Benedictine Health Foundation to support the **11th annual Bike for Cancer Care** at Dietz Stadium in Kingston. Sponsors and riders brought in over \$135,000 to directly support local cancer patients and their families.

All proceeds benefit the Foundation's **Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund** located in Kingston, which provides financial assistance to Mid-Hudson Valley cancer patients while receiving treatment. Patients who are eligible receive \$500 in gift cards annually to purchase food at Hannaford Supermarkets and/or fuel at Stewart's Shops. Since 2005, the Foundation has assisted over 1200 patients and distributed over \$550,000.

For further information about the Benedictine Health Foundation's Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund, please visit: www.bikeforcancercare.org or call Barbara Klassen, Executive Director of the Benedictine Health Foundation at (845) 334-3186.

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About the Fund

In partnership with the Gruner family, the Benedictine Health Foundation (located in Kingston) established the **Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund** in 2004 to aid in the treatment, care, and support of cancer patients in financial need. The Fund provides assistance to eligible patients while in treatment who are residents of Ulster County regardless of the facility where they receive treatment, and residents of neighboring Mid-Hudson Valley Counties who receive treatment within Ulster County. The fund has assisted over 1200 patients and their families by providing gift cards to purchase nutritious food at Hannaford Supermarkets and/or fuel cards to Stewart's Shops so that patients may access treatment.

About Benedictine Health Foundation

The Mission of the Benedictine Health Foundation is to raise and distribute resources to support quality and compassionate health care that improves the physical, psychological, and spiritual well being of those who are vulnerable and underserved in Ulster County. The Foundation has supported health care programs and services in Ulster County since 1977. For further information, contact Barbara Klassen, Executive Director, at (845) 334-3186.